AUCTION SALES.
By ELISON & FOSTER.
373 WABASH-AV.
ASSIGNEE'S SALE OF
Gas Fixtures. Gas Fixtures
AT AUCTION,
On TUESDAY MORNING, Nov. 26, at 10 o'clock
At Store 373 Wabash-av.
Consisting of the entire stock of
W. H. HACKETT, Bankrupt.
By order of M. ALMY, Assignee.
ELISON & FOSTER, Auctioneers.

Bankrupt Stock of Liquors
AT AUCTION.
WE SHALL SELL THE ENTIRE STOCK OF
WILLIAM BATTERMAN
AT AUCTION,
On Friday Morning, Nov. 29, at 10 o'clock
at No. 414 Milwaukee-av.
Consisting of the following goods: 14 bbls Whisky, wh key, 15 bbls Rye Whiskey, in bbls, Bourbon Whisky, 1 bbl Old 1 cask Brandy, 4 casks Claret, 8 casks Catawba, 1 cask Rum French, 2 casks Jamaica Rum, 1 bbl Sugar mint, Coloring Sugar, Bitters, Cordials, &c. Also 2 Wagons, Harness and 1 Good Family Horse.
By order of GEO. W. CAMPBELL, Assignee.
ELISON & FOSTER, Auctioneers.

Important and Peremptory Sale
OF
Two Hundred
HIGH CLASS
OIL PAINTINGS,
At Auction,
On Friday and Saturday, Nov. 29 and 30,
At Store, 207 Wes Madison-st.
Sales to take place at 2½ and 7½ p. m.
This collection forms the finest and largest over offered at Auction in this city, and is worthy the attention of Picture-buyers. Paintings on exhibition Monday, Nov. 25 and until time of sale with catalogues.
ELISON & FOSTER, Auctioneers.

By GEO. P. GORE & CO.
22, 24 and 26 Randolph-st.
AT AUCTION,
A LARGE AND ELEGANT ASSORTMENT OF
Oil Paintings and Chromos
In fine Gold and Walnut Frames,
At 209 West Madison-st.
On Saturday, Nov. 23, at 9 a. m. and 7½ o'clock, and will continue the sale each afternoon and evening until closed. In addition to our sale of Chromos and Plated Ware we shall offer a stock of
Furs in Mink, Sable, and Sea
Sacques and Sets, at
209 WEST MADISON-ST
G. P. GORE & CO.
ALSO A LARGE STOCK OF ELEGANT
SILVER PLATED WARE
of every description, and
FINE TABLE CUTLERY
ON
Monday Afternoon at 2 o'clock,
and Evening at 7 o'clock
209 WEST MADISON-ST
Geo. P. Gore & Co., Auctr's.

On Tuesday, Nov. 26
We shall offer at AUCTION a line of
100 Pieces Cassimere, A fine Array
Clothing, Hats and Caps, and
300 copies Standard
Medical Works,
SALE AT 9½ A. M.
GEO. P. GORE & CO.
22, 24 and 26 Randolph-st.

600 Cases
Boots & Shoes
AT AUCTION,
On WEDNESDAY, Nov. 27, at 9 1-2 A. M
This sale will be well attended, and several consignments of desirable goods must be closed at once, as the consignors are BURNED OUT and need money.
GEO. P. GORE & CO.
22, 24 and 26 Randolph-st.

By HARRISON & CO.
TRADE SALE OF CHROMOS,
TUESDAY morning, Nov. 26, at 10 o'clock. A very large assortment of elegant Pictures in lots to suit.
M. HARRISON & CO., Auctioneers,
48 South Canal-st.

OUR NEXT DRY GOODS SALE
will take place on WEDNESDAY morning, Nov. 27, at 9½ o'clock, when we will offer a very large and attractive stock of desirable goods.
HARRISON & CO., Auctioneers,
48 South Canal-st.

TO RENT.
OFFICES IN THE
Tribune Building
Are nearly finished. Several are yet untaken. Fire-proof, with vaults. English tile floors throughout. No offices in the city equal these in every first-class respect. Plans of the Tribune Building can be seen at the office of
W. C. DOW,
Room No. 1, Nevada Block.

PROPOSALS.
PROPOSALS
For Material, and Work and Labor Required in the Construction of the Cook County Jail and Criminal Court Building.
Sealed proposals will be received until the 20th day of December, 1872, by the Commissioners of Cook County, at the Office of the Board of Commissioners, in the City of Chicago, for the furnishing and delivery of all the material, work, labor, and construction of and for the Cook County Jail and Criminal Court Building, being erected in the City of Chicago, on the corner of Michigan and Dearborn streets, according to the plans and specifications, details and drawings on file in the office of Messrs. Armstrong & Egan, Architects, No. 11 South Clarke-st., Chicago, viz:
1. All material, work, labor, construction, and finish for the entire masonry, and stone-cutting, and plastering work complete.
2. All material, work, labor, construction, and finish for the iron work complete.
3. All material, work, labor, construction, and finish for the building, carpenter, joiner, and wood work complete.
4. All material, work, labor, construction, and finish for the plumbing and gas-fitting complete.
The stone to be used may be granite, marble, or sandstone. The qualities must have uniformity of color, texture, and durability, and no stone will be received that has not been tested by actual use in buildings.
Bidders may include one or more of the items specified in their proposals, and all proposals must be made on the printed forms to be obtained of the County Clerk, and be accompanied with a copy of this notice, and by a bond in the sum of one thousand ($1,000) dollars with security, to be approved by said Commissioners, that the bidder will enter into and perform the contract if awarded to him, and give bond with approved security therefor as follows:
For the stone, mason, and plastering work.....$20,000
For the iron work and materials.....12,000
For the carpenter, joiner, and building work and material.....14,000
For the plumbing, gas-fitting work and material.....10,000
The right to reject any or all bids received is reserved.
Proposals must be enclosed in a sealed envelope, addressed: "Proposals for the various kinds of work and material named," and deposited with the County Clerk, addressed to the Committee on Public Buildings of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County.
S. ASHTON,
JOHN CRAWFORD,
JOSEPH HARRIS,
J. H. PARSMAN,
Committee on Public Buildings, Board of Commissioners of Cook County.
Chicago, Nov. 11, 1872.

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INSURANCE.
CARD.
North British and Mercantile
INSURANCE COMPANY,
OF LONDON AND EDINBURGH,
Office, 50 William-st., New York.
This Company having passed through the Chicago and Boston conflagrations with heavy losses, which have been met with its usual promptitude, without materially reducing its large Fire reserve of the Company, which is still over $6,000,000, is now called upon to take a firm stand for the protection of the public and the assured.
The recent Boston disaster has proved to many Fire Companies, that their reserve Resources to meet similar emergencies are utterly inadequate, and that a separate reserve of premium must be set aside, and sacredly applied to the specific liabilities that must be assumed with great conflagrations.
Our system of business has proved so successful both in the Chicago and Boston conflagrations, in such that no one Company has yet been seriously impaired by these conflagrations, and no one which shall equal the assets of the Company, and no one which shall equal the assets of the Company, and no one which shall equal the assets of the Company

WASHINGTON.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

THE LOCK-UP QUESTION.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—Although no action was taken, last winter, by the Banking and Currency Committee, in the investigation at that time made into the currency lock-up question, the power of Congress to regulate the evil was largely discussed, the members mostly agreeing that some legislation should be had on the subject. It is now understood that a New York member of this Committee, immediately upon the opening of Congress, will introduce a bill to prevent any such schemes as that tried by Smith last winter.

THE TREASURY PORTFOLIO.

Judge Richardson authorizes the statement to-day that he is not and will not be an applicant for the position of Secretary of the Treasury in case of a vacancy by the election of Mr. Boutwell to the Senate, as it is his intention to withdraw from the Department when Mr. B. does. Having accepted the Assistant Secretaryship at some sacrifices of his personal interests, he wishes to return to private life as soon as possible, and only remains in the Department now at the request of the Secretary.

HOG CHOLERA.

The Virginia papers are complaining that the cholera is playing sad havoc with the hogs in the upper parts of Spottsylvania County. Many farmers have lost nearly every hog they had, not only those in pens fattening, but their stock hogs as well.

APPOINTMENT.

Albert W. Swalen was to-day appointed by the President to be Pension Agent at Des Moines, Iowa, vice Goodsell, deceased.

PARDON.

The President to-day granted an unconditional pardon to Reuben G. Yonge, of Alabama, who was convicted as a Ku-Klux, last May, and sentenced to ten years' imprisonment in the Albany Penitentiary, and to pay a fine of $5,000.

WAYS AND MEANS.

Representatives Maynard, of Tennessee, Kelley, of Philadelphia, and Brooks, of New York, who are members of the Ways and Means Committee, are here, but will hold no meeting of the Committee until after Congress shall have assembled.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS.

Since the adjournment of Congress the President has made 187 appointments, as follows: For the Interior Department, 58, most of them Indian Agents and Public Land Officers; for the Department of Justice, 15 U. S. Marshals and District Attorneys; for the Navy Department, 5 boatswains, sailmakers, and carpenters; Postmasters, 44; for the State Department 21, of which 11 are Consuls, and most of the others Centennial Commissioners. The latter appointments, however, are not to be confirmed by the Senate. For the Treasury Department 96, of which 10 are Supervisors of Internal Revenue under the new law. Most of the other appointments are for Internal Revenue and Customs.

To the Associated Press.

THE NEW REVENUE CUTTERS.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—The effect of the increased cost of iron upon American ship-building is illustrated by the report of S. I. Kimball, of the Bureau Marine Steamers. The Treasury Department has recently contracted and will contract for the construction of revenue vessels to cost $400,000, under the acts of Congress, which do not designate of what material they shall be built. Wood will be employed for the following assigned reason: Although confidence in the superiority of iron over wooden vessels for the service in most localities upon our coast is undiminished, the present prices of iron makes it impracticable, in our urgent need of vessels, to supersede our expensive and worn-out ones with that material with the limited means at command. All the vessels, therefore, are intended to be of wood. It is expected that the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Postmaster General, and the President will soon submit some suggestions concerning a revival of American ship-building.

CABINET RUMORS.

Cabinet speculators claim that Attorney General Williams does not desire to remain in the Cabinet after March 4.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

The revenue marine report, commenting upon Civil Service competitive examinations in that service, says that whatever the results in other branches of the service, this competitive examination has been attended by the best results. It has given the service the best corps of junior officers it ever possessed, and has inspired among them a vigorous competition in pursuit of professional attainments.

Under the Civil Service rules the vacancy in the Pension Office at Des Moines, Iowa, and the employment to be created in Southern Illinois, by the resignation of the incumbent, will be filled by the appointment of one of the three best qualified, as certified by the Board of Examiners. In case no applicants are found qualified, the nomination will be made at discretion.

SENATE COMMITTEES.

Senator Windom, now here, is opposed to any reorganization of the Senate Committees before March 4.

CONGRESSIONAL LIBRARIAN.

The Librarian of Congress will seek larger appropriations this year, inasmuch as the supervision of the entire copyright system of the United States renders his present resources insufficient.

PERSONAL.

Robert Lincoln and wife, who were in the Washington express train which had a collision yesterday near Wilmington, Del., arrived here last evening, unharmed.

THE MESSAGE.

The President, being busily engaged in completing his message, declined to see any visitors to-day.

THE SUPREME COURT.

A bill will be presented to Congress, this winter, which proposes radical changes in the present working of the Supreme Court. The bill contemplates an Intermediate Court, which shall possess the ordinary powers of the present Supreme Court, and before which all cases shall be argued. The Supreme Court, proper, shall be made stationary, and the Justices relieved of all Circuit Court duty, which shall be performed by the Judge of the Intermediate Court. The Supreme Court is to give its entire attention to passing upon and deciding questions of law, which come before it from the Intermediate Court. The bill will also provide that the Intermediate Court shall not construe any law, but decide cases which come before it in accordance with the construction placed upon the law by the Supreme Court. The measure is deemed necessary because of the accumulation of cases on the docket of the Supreme Court.

THE COTTON CROP.

The November report of the statistician of the Department of Agriculture gives the cotton prospects the same interpretation as the October report. While the returns of the condition, since the August report, have been much below the average they have been higher than the corresponding month of the previous season, averaging in October 82 against 76, and in September, 91 against 80. The November returns give an increase over 1871 of about 16 per cent, with the area in cultivation 12 to 15 per cent. The comparison by States with last year's crop is as follows: North Carolina, 121; South Carolina, 124; Georgia, 119; Florida, 102; Alabama, 111; Mississippi, 112; Louisiana, 121; Texas, 126; Arkansas, 115; Tennessee, 110; Missouri, Virginia, Illinois, and other States, which produced 65,000 bales in 1870, and in which cotton culture was stimulated in several subsequent years, now scarcely yield 10 per cent that amount. The total productions, as indicated by returns the first week in November, is made nearly 3,450,000 commercial bales.

The area under cotton culture in Arkansas, is 698,512 acres; Tennessee, 518,605.

FINANCIAL.

The following are the balances in the Treasury of the United States at the close of business to-day: Currency, $6,559,094; coin, $71,939,802, including $20,526,800 in coin certificates; special deposits of legal-tenders for redemption of certificates of deposit, $26,505,000; amount of fractional currency received from printing division for the week ending to-day, $322,400; shipments, $324,800; shipment of legal-tenders, $676,000.

The Treasurer holds in trust, as security for circulating notes of the National Banks, $336,000; $68,400, and for deposits of public moneys, $15,893,000.

The Internal Revenue receipts to-day were $440,551. Receipts for the month, $8,134,000, and for the fiscal year to date, $51,527,838.

National Bank currency outstanding at date, $341,501,896; fractional currency redeemed and destroyed during the week, $718,800.

APPOINTED.

The President to-day appointed Albert W. S. Walne Pension Agent at Des Moines, Iowa.

Since the adjournment of Congress, the President has made 187 appointments: For the Interior Department, 58, most of them Indian Agents and Public Land Officers; and Departments of Justice; 15 United State Marshals and District Attorneys; Navy Department, 5; Postmasters, 44; State Department, 21, of which 11 are Consuls and most of the others Centennial Commissioners. The last named appointments are not to be confirmed by the Senate. For the Treasury Department, 94, of which 10 are Supervisors of Internal Revenue under the new law. Most of the other appointments are for Internal Revenue and Customs service.

POSTAL.

The Post Office Department has ordered postal service on the Dakota Southern Railroad from Sioux City to Vermilion, Dakota, forty-five miles, from the 1st of December, pay to be fixed hereafter.

FOR THE ARMY.

Two hundred and fifty recruits have been ordered to Louisville for the Sixth Cavalry.

POLITICAL.

THE ILLINOIS SENATORIAL QUESTION.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SPRINGFIELD, Nov. 23.—The semi-official announcement in the special from Madison to the TRIBUNE, that the Hon. E. B. Washburne would not be a candidate for Senator, has had the effect to settle the excitement concerning the Senatorial succession, and it is generally conceded that Oglesby will go in without opposition. Cullom only hoped to succeed as a compromise candidate, in case of a heated fight between Washburne and Oglesby, and now that there is no prospect of this, he regards his chances as hopeless, at least he said to your correspondent that Oglesby would be elected without a doubt. He does not say, however, that he will not be a candidate, but, if he should, it would only be to give himself prominence in any future fight for the place, or some place under the present Administration. To be able to make a respectable fight against Oglesby would give him power at Washington, and enable him to secure a part of the patronage of the State. In this view he will make the race against Oglesby if at all.

WISCONSIN RETURNS.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

MADISON, Wis., Nov. 23.—The official figures of the vote for Congress, in different Districts, show the following majorities: First, Williams, Republican, 6,286; Second, Hazelton, Republican, 1,624; Third, Barber, Republican, 3,865; Fourth, Mitchell, Democrat, 6,001; Fifth, Eldridge, Democrat, 3,030; Sixth, Sawyer, Republican, 3,545; Seventh, Rusk, Republican, 7,658; Eighth, McPill, Republican, 3,605.

The total vote for President is 191,462; Republican majority, 18,812.

The total vote for Congressman is 194,106. Republican majority, 18,280.

The vote on the Constitutional Amendment increasing the number of Supreme Judges was very meagre, only 16,272 for and 29,756 against.

THE ALABAMA TROUBLES.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—Senator Spencer's friends give the following explanation of the Alabama Legislative complications: Members elect to the Legislature receive certificates of their election from the Sheriff and Judge of Probate of their counties. The Secretary of State issues certificates of admission to the Legislature, which should be based upon certificated of county officers. The Secretary of State, however, being a Democrat, refuses to recognize the county certificates of Republican members from three counties, and has arbitrarily issued legislative certificates to Democrats from those counties who were not elected.

THE VOTE OF NEW YORK STATE.

ALBANY, N. Y., Nov. 23.—The State Canvassers have officially declared the vote cast for Presidential Electors in this State as follows:

Republican	440,826
Democratic	352,279
O'Conor	1,454
Temperance candidate	201
Total	824,563

Republican majority, 86,595.

NEW YORK LEGISLATURE.

ALBANY, N. Y., Nov. 23.—The Senate heard the closing argument of the prosecution to-day, in the impeachment case of Judge Prindle, and stated a decision would be made when the testimony was all given in the Judge Curtis case, which would be commenced Dec. 2.

THE VOTE OF TENNESSEE.

NASHVILLE, Nov. 23.—The official vote of the State has been received. Greeley, 94,219; Grant, 85,633; Greeley's majority, 8,576.

Brown, for Governor, 97,700; Freeman, 83,889; Brown's majority, 13,811. Maynard for Congress, 80,825; Cheatham, 65,578; Johnson, 37,906; Maynard's majority over Cheatham, 15,247; over Johnson, 42,925.

Railway News.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—The Atlantic & Great Western Railroad Company's troubles are over for the present. L. D. Barton has been appointed General Superintendent of the Road; R. E. O'Brien, Assistant General Superintendent and Chief Engineer; R. Tupper, Auditor. Besides Sweetser, there were also dismissed C. W. Winslow, Auditor, and C. W. Bradley, Superintendent of the Meadville District. No proceedings will be instituted against Sweetser in the matter of his alleged defalcation.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

DES MOINES, Ia., Nov. 23.—The despatch sent from Keokuk to the Western Associated Press, on Thursday last, stating that the Iowa, Minnesota & North Pacific Railroad Company had commenced suit at Newton, Iowa, against D. L. Clark, L. C. Winters, F. H. Griggs, and others, for malicious prosecution, laying damages at $100,000, is entirely untrue. No such suit has been commenced. The supposition is that the despatch was sent in an attempt to give the railroad company stability and character, thereby enabling them to collect subsidies.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

OTTAWA, Ill., Nov. 23.—In the Circuit Court to-day an important railroad case was determined after several days' contest. About two years ago, the plaintiff, Samuel Benton, a farmer living near the Illinois Central Railroad, had occasion to cross near New Rutland, a station in this county, at a crossing on a public highway little used, but still a public road. Mr. Benton's horses were caught by a passing train and one killed, another hurt, and the driver somewhat bruised. The jury rendered a verdict of $133 and costs. This suit derives importance from the fact that there are other cases somewhat similar, and thus for the, injuries seems too disposed to hold rail-roads to an accountability for such accidents.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 23.—Some apprehension having been felt that the building of the tunnel, which is now in progress of construction from the bridge to the probable site of the Grand Union Depot, will damage buildings and unnecessarily obstruct business, several large owners of property on the route have held a meeting to consider the matter. Resolutions were adopted recognizing the importance and necessity of the work, but that the interests of business men and property-owners along the line should be properly protected.

A committee was appointed charged with the duty of requiring the Tunnel Company to use great care and precaution in the prosecution of their work; also to require of the City Government a rigid supervision of the construction of the tunnel under such conditions as shall prevent any unnecessary interruption of business, or injury to persons or property.

Captain Wide, the engineer of the Bridge Company, was present, and assured the meeting that the foundation walls along the line of the tunnel would not be injured by the excavation, nor would the buildings be harmed by the vibration occasioned by the running of trains.

The tunnel will run up Washington avenue to Sixth street, curve thence to Eighth and Locust, and follow Eighth street to Clark avenue. It will be constructed by excavating 48 feet wide, and from 25 to 27 feet deep, but only the length of one block will be opened at a time, so that there will be the least possible obstruction to business. The work will be completed by the time the bridge is finished, which will be about the middle of next summer.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 23.—The track of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, from Kirkwood to South St. Louis, was finished to-day, and the first transfer made across the Mississippi River to the track extending up the American Bottom to East St. Louis, where it connects with the various Eastern roads.

Fires.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—The new Brighton House at Staten Island was fired by an incendiary last night, and burned down. The loss is $40,000; insurance, $11,000.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 23.—The Oregon woollen mills at Oregon City were destroyed to-day by fire. Loss, $125,000; insured for $80,000.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 23.—A fire broke out to-night about 11 o'clock in the stable of Pilcher, Bright & Co., on Guthrie street, and extended thence to several adjoining stables. The combustible materials of the stables made the fire spread rapidly, but it was at last extinguished by the firemen. The engines, owing to the horse disease, were drawn by men. Twenty-five horses were burned with the stable. Loss, $100,000; no insurance.

The Horse Disease.

ROCK ISLAND, Ill., Nov. 23.—The horse disease has caused the suspension of the street car lines. The livery stables are closed. The disease is in a very mild form.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 23.—The reports that the epizootic prevails here are untrue. Not a single case has occurred yet, so far as can be learned. That the disease has not appeared here is perhaps mainly owing to the extraordinary precautionary measures taken by almost all livery owners to prevent it. There is scarcely a stable in the city that has not been thoroughly fumigated, and in which the best approved disinfectants are not constantly kept. The street railroad companies, profiting by the experience of other cities, are also saving their horses as much as possible by lightening their labor and shortening their time of service. No company in the city exacts more than four round trips a day of their horses, and some not more than two trips. Transfer companies, livery and sale stable keepers, and nearly all persons owning horses have adopted a similar plan, so that, should the distemper appear, their animals will be in a condition to better bear the effects of the disease. Besides this the transfer companies and several heavy merchants have already purchased oxen, and are holding them ready to use as soon as their horses are attacked. It is hoped that the disease will not reach here, but should it come, it will be met with prompt and vigorous measures for its speedy abatement.

WHEELING, W. Va., Nov. 23.—The number of horses to be seen on our streets grow less daily. Oxen have, to a great extent, superseded them. Can learn of but one case that has as yet proved fatal. In one of the stables where the disease first made its appearance, the horses were kept perfectly quiet, and allowed no exercise whatever. To-day they are showing strong symptoms of the dropsy. Other horses that were worked moderately are recovering, and a great number are reported convalescent.

MEMPHIS, Nov. 23.—The horse malady is rapidly increasing. Not more than half the usual number of horses or mules are seen on the streets. All livery stables have suspended business. A fine hack was driven through Main street with a yoke of oxen hitched to it, to-day. The price of oxen advanced 50 per cent. A ring is being formed to make a corner in oxen. The epizootic is spreading throughout the country, causing a marked falling off in the receipts of cotton, while buyers are afraid to buy, fearing their inability to move the cotton to the depot.

DES MOINES, Nov. 23.—The horse disease is rapidly increasing in this city, but does not interfere with general business as yet.

NEW YORK.

Tweed's Case—Swindled Italians—The Turf—The Missing Pevy—Another Victim—Criminals Want Releasing on Bail—A Sol-Disant Reporter Arrested for Blackmailing.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—Henry S. Bogert, a confidence operator, who has been assuming to be a reporter for the *Herald* and *World*, was arrested to-day for an attempt to blackmail Thomas J. Brown, a ferry superintendent. Brown says the prisoner called and represented himself a reporter of the *World*. He said he had a conversation with Victoria Woodhull, who had told him that he, Brown, was in the habit of visiting disreputable houses, and that he had been connected with certain stolen bond transactions. After considerable conversation, the prisoner produced a check for $150, drawn by himself on the Continental National Bank. It is stated that the prisoner obtained $250 from the President of a city bank by similar representations. Brown's course, however, was immediately reported to a policeman, and the bogus reporter has been committed in default of $2,000 bail.

The 300 swindled Italians who arrived at Castle Garden from London via Havre by steamship Holland, still remain there, and are fed and provided for by the Commissioners of Emigration at their own expense. The Italian Minister has been telegraphed to, but no answer has been received.

At a special meeting of the Commissioners of Emigration to-day, it was decided to send them, for the present, to Ward's Island. The Commissioners will try to procure employment for them. None of them can speak English, and very few ever heard of any difference between North and South America. The majority are the most ignorant class of Neapolitans.

Mr. Pevy, of Louisville, is still missing, though it is believed he has absconded, and was ascertained that the money in his possession did not belong to him, but had been transmitted to settle the outstanding debts of a friend in Louisville. This he failed to do, although he had a draft cashed the day before his disappearance. On the last afternoon he was seen here, Pevy visited several South American vessels, in tow, and made inquiries in reference to the South American fruit trade. He may have abandoned his baggage at the hotel, and taken passage in one of these coasters.

(To the Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—Wm. M. Tweed made his first appearance in the Comptroller's office yesterday since Comptroller Connolly resigned. He called to examine the vouchers to be used against him in the pending suits. The Ring lawyers claim "Boss" Connolly quite a persuasion until the object of his visit became known.

The challenge of Colonel McDaniels to race his stable against any in the world, in two, three, and four mile heats, for $10,000 or $20,000 a side, not being explicit enough as to conditions, the Colonel says he will run the races with his stable as at present composed and name the horses now, provided that the party accepting the challenge will do the same.

No clue to the whereabouts of Pevy, the Louisville merchant, who disappeared a week ago last Thursday morning, has yet been obtained. One detective believes either that Pevy, while intoxicated, walked down Canal street, mistaking it for Broadway, into the North River, or that he has deliberately absconded. In support of the latter theory, he points to the fact that Pevy received a draft for $4,700, which he cashed in Brooklyn on the afternoon before his disappearance; that this draft was for payment of certain creditors of the friend whose affairs he was settling; that he spent a large part of Tuesday and Wednesday in endeavors to get the draft cashed, and took with him Martin, of the Brandreth House, to identify him and did not succeed, whereas Vanington, for whom part of the money was due, could have satisfactorily identified him at once, and that, on the last afternoon he was seen, he visited several South American vessels and made inquiries in regard to the South American fruit trade. The chief objections to this theory are the respectability of Pevy's position and reputation, and the improbability that, if capable of the dishonesty, he would take such steps for an amount of money so comparatively small.

The latest known victim of violence in this city is August Schuldt, who died to-day from injuries received on Saturday night last. These mysterious disappearances and violent deaths are exciting a good deal of indignation, which was increased by the arraignment of the doorkeeper of the police station in Brooklyn, on the charge of aiding burglars to escape from prison.

Rogers, under sentence of death for killing Officer Donohue, in Brooklyn, has applied for a stay of proceedings.

Vogt, who cannot be returned to Belgium on the charges of murder, arson, and robbery, in the absence of an extradition treaty, has applied for a discharge from arrest, and Rosenzweig, the convicted abortionist, and Dutch Heinrich, the convicted bond robber, who have been granted new trials, have applied for release on bail.

Henry S. Bogart has been held for trial on the charges of falsely representing himself a reporter and levying blackmail. He is said to have secured $150 from a bank President, under threat of publishing scandalous statements.

The Italian emigrants, who came to this port under the impression that they were on the way to Buenos Ayres, are to be sent to Ward's Island. Many of them, learning of this decision, left Castle Garden and threw themselves on the charity of their countrymen in this city. One of them died from destitution to-day, in the Italian quarters in Mott street. The Italian Vice-Consul here promises to have the whole matter of the outrage thoroughly investigated.

The fund for the relief of the sufferers by the Dacish inundation amounts to $1,146.

The Earl of Caithcness, of Scotland, is making a tour of inspection of the municipal institutions of this city.

The subscriptions to the General Thomas statue fund amount to $4,570.

Francis Martin, a Spaniard and cigar merchant, had a quarrel to-day with his wife and step-son at their residence in Fifty-first street, and discharged a revolver three times at the former, each shot taking effect, and one inflicting a fatal wound. Martin was a rrested. The family moved in quite respectable society.

Dastardly Attempt to Wreck a Train.

PARKSON, N. J., Nov. 23.—A dastardly attempt at railroad slaughter was made last night at Wanamo, on the Monticlair Railway, 15 miles north of this city. A box-car was run on the main track, but the engineer of the up train seeing an obstruction, put on steam and dashed into it, demolishing the box-car, wrecking the locomotive, and throwing a passenger car off the track. None of the passengers were injured.

Wrecked at Sea.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—The steamer General Sedgwick, from New Orleans, reports passing a lot of wrecked stuff, with two dead bodies attached, in latitude 36 degrees, longitude 79 degrees.

WALL STREET.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—During the past week there has been generally a close and at times stringent money market. Currency has been flowing South and West. Gold shipments have been stopped by the decline in foreign exchange. Some borrowers supplied themselves by borrowing bills of exchange on London against collateral.

The insurance companies have commenced to pay the Boston losses, and this has naturally affected the money market. It is estimated the total amount of insurance on the Boston burnt district was $48,000,000, of which at least $7,000,000 was in New York State and city companies having agencies here. Money on call has fluctuated from 5 to 9¼ per cent per annum, which figures explain clearly the fluctuating course of the money market during the week. There is a general impression that no permanent relief will come until the return flow of currency sets in and the January disbursements take place. The foreign exchanges have been generally weak.

Transactions in gold during the week have been on a more extended scale, and the two extremes 113¾ and 114. Cash gold has been scarce and dear at intervals.

Some of the fluctuations on the Stock Exchange have been wide and violent, the market closing at an advance.

The bank statement is again unfavorable.

The Wall street markets to-day opened amid great excitement. There was a rush at the opening on the report of those short, to cover, and the general market became strong. The Northwestern "corner," which primarily caused the commotion, is still kept up. It is reported that a good many short contracts in Northwestern were privately settled last night on a basis of 125, and that other private settlements were made this morning at the same price.

About 1 p. m. the excitement in Northwestern increased. Vice President Mitchell buying in Northwestern common stock under the rule for account of brokers failing on their contracts. Up to 2 p. m. 2,000 shares were so bought at 200; 100 shares at 155, and 1,800 shares at 200, Kenyon, Cox & Co. having been defaulters in these contracts. All the stock was sold by Howard Lapesley. The Exchange closed promptly at 3 o'clock. The entire amount of Northwestern stock bought in under the rule was 6,400 shares, at prices ranging from 155 to 230, the defaulting on contracts having been by brokers who usually do business for Daniel Drew. Only a small part of the short interest was covered under the rule, the remainder being allowed to stand over for private settlements, which may be made before Monday. The bulls are enforcing their terms of unconditional surrender. The entire list closed firm at the advance.

Very few journals here are verdant enough to claim that Jay Gould's arrest has been made in the cause of justice. That event is simply the playing of a trump card by the Wall street "bears," notwithstanding which, they are losing the game. When Jay Gould was President of Erie, his business partner was Henry N. Smith. In the world's speculations turned out well, he pocketed the profits, and, when he lost, he charged it up to the Erie Railroad. In order to effect this, Gould and Smith's private accounts were kept in a peculiar manner, only the two partners sharing the secret.

Daniel Drew, a few months ago, gave Gould and Smith a squeeze in Erie, and they resolved to have vengeance on him. While endeavoring to corner Erie, they quarreled, and for nearly three months have been rampant enemies. Gould went over into Vanderbilt's party, which is now giving a death hug to the "shorts" in Northwestern common. Among the shorts are Henry N. Smith, Drew, and Traverse. They sold short about seventy thousand shares of Northwestern at 75, which to-day reached 220. Smith threatened Gould with arrest unless he eased up the corner, but Gould was obstinate, for pecuniary reasons, therefore Smith has "squealed" on Gould's old operations in Erie, charging him with stealing about ten millions. Smith would doubtless take it all back if Gould would release his short interest from chancery. It is this row between colossal gamblers that the New York Times headlines, "at last," meaning that righteous judgment has overtaken the chief plunderer of Erie. Gould's arrest was decided on in Wall Street, in order to break the corner, and so all appearance to the contrary, it has had the opposite effect.

MONEY

was stringent during the morning, when call loans were made as high as ⅜ *per diem*, but, in the afternoon, an easier feeling prevailed, and the rates were ¼ per cent gold, to 1-32 *per diem*.

Foreign exchange closed quiet and steady.

GOLD.

The gold market was heavy and lower, ranging from 113⅝@113¾.

Government bonds opened weak, but closed firm.

DRY GOODS.

The dry goods trade was moderately active early in the week, but closed up with a very quiet feeling. At the opening there was a fair attendance of the New England trade, which previous to the Boston fire purchased their supplies in Boston. These people made only small bills in each case, though the aggregate was quite respectable in amount. The demand from these buyers was for the purpose of helping up assortments. Some Boston cashiers have also been in this market, and purchased moderate amounts of woollens. In both woollen and domestic fabrics there is a firm feeling, the natural result of the large destruction of goods.

The boot and shoe trade has been generally quiet, and bills have been small in amount. Prices have not materially changed, although both hides and leather have advanced.

THE TEA TRADE.

The *Shipping and Commercial List* says: "The tea trade has been disastrous to importers this year, most of them having sustained an average loss closely approximating 10 cents per pound. This has arisen mainly from indiscriminate purchasing in China, many orders having been sent out without limits. Some of the older importers left the business mainly in the hands of comparatively young importers, foreseeing nothing but disastrous results from such sharp, if not reckless, competition. China has profited largely by the high cost of teas in the supply markets, but will not have things so much her own way another season."

PRODUCE.

The demand for flour was fair, and prices steady; choice St. Louis extras are scarce; superfine and No. 2 firm and salable. At the close the market was irregular and rather easier in common extras; good Minnesota firm and in fair demand; Southern flour steady, with a fair demand. Wheat was held higher, under more favorable Liverpool advices, but, in the absence of freight room, nothing was done at the opening to establish values. Winter is held with increased firmness. The market closes easier, but fairly active, for spring; strong for winter. The demand is chiefly for export. Pork was a little more active, and steady. Sales: 750 brls at $16.00 for November mess, $14.00 for December, and $14.00 for May. Cut meats generally dull, and prices more or less nominal. Bacon quiet at about 8c for long clear on the spot. Lard dull, and rather weak, at 8⅝@8¾c for old Western. Sales, 65 tierces at 8⅝@8¾c.

Telegraphic Brevities.

Governor Brown, of Missouri, has appointed the 28th inst. as a day of thanksgiving.

General Sheridan passed through St. Louis, yesterday, *en route* to Fort Gibson, Indian Territory.

The Secretary of War has ordered the Rock Island bridge to be thrown open to the public during the ice embargo.

A man named Chas. Leonard was struck dead yesterday morning with apoplexy as he was walking to his hotel in Logansport, Ind. His friends have taken his remains to New York to be interred.

Henry Peter Tenison, of Detroit, was arrested on a train, yesterday morning, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., on a charge of bigamy. On the 12th inst. he eloped with the daughter of Perry Mapes, of Poughkeepsie.

The Cincinnati papers of yesterday announced the suspension of W. P. Cutler, at Marietta, Ohio, who has been largely interested in iron manufactures and railroad buildings. It is claimed that there are ample assets to meet all liabilities.

Mars, who attempted to assassinate ex-Alderman McMullen, of Philadelphia, has been sentenced to six years and nine months imprisonment, and to pay a fine of $1,000.

Roberts' glycerine magazine, at Scrub Grass, Pa., exploded yesterday morning, killing Harry J. Wolfe, telegrapher, and R. A. Wright, torpedo agent. Only the fragments of their bodies were recovered.

Yesterday morning, on the Knoxville Branch of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, southward bound freight train, containing nineteen cars, ran over a misplaced switch. Five cars were thrown off and smashed. Nobody hurt.

The wrecking boat Eckert arrived at Memphis, last night, from the wreck of the steamer Mary, with 100 bales of cotton, all the furniture on the boat having been taken out, with the bedding, doors, ect. She returns to the wreck on Monday to get out the remainder of the cotton in the hold, and the machinery of the boat.

Last evening, the City Council of Ottawa, Ill., in view of the many fires during the past year, and the inefficiency of her fire apparatus and departments, took the initiatory steps toward getting a steam engine and organizing a more reliable means of protection against fires.

In the United States Circuit Court at Detroit, yesterday, judgment was rendered against a saw mill firm in that city for using the Barlow movement, on the ground that it was an infringement on the patent of the Hamilton Oscillating Movement. The proprietor of the latter has now commenced a suit against the manufacturers of the Barlow Movement, claiming $25,000 damages.

W. C. Moreau has applied to the Court for a Receiver for the Logansport *Sun*. He declares his intention to abandon the editorial, unless there is a direct change in the management. It is thought he declines on account of his great fear of more violent demonstrations from the citizens. Thoughts are entertained that he will leave town without attracting any attention.

THE NATIONAL BANKS.

Report of the Comptroller of the Currency.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—The report of the Comptroller of the Currency reviews at length the working of the National Banking system since its inauguration.

Of the whole amount of circulation appropriated by Congress, $342,000,000 have been issued, and a balance of $12,000,000 promised to associations that have filed their applications and taken preliminary steps toward organizing as National Banks.

The Comptroller considers that part of the recent act which calls for the redistribution of $25,000,000 in currency, by withdrawing that amount from the Middle and Eastern States, and giving it to the South and West, as impracticable, and recommends its repeal; and also that an amendment be made in lieu thereof, providing for the issue of $5,000,000 bank circulation annually for the next five years, to meet the wants of such States as have not had their full proportion.

He is opposed to any change in the law in reference to the reserve which banks are required to hold, and shows by statistical tables that a law which has become a rule with all cautiously-managed banks should not be hastily repealed. He suggests, however, that it would be to the interest of banks to keep a larger proportion of their reserve in their own hands, instead of placing it on deposit with city bonds, and points out the way by which this end may be accomplished to the general benefit.

Congress is informed of various complaints which have been made of usurious transactions, and the Comptroller incidentally suggests the propriety of the repeal of all usury laws, so far as they apply to the National Banks.

Full information is given in relation to banks which have failed, showing the average dividend upon the aggregate of claims proved, which amounts to about 56 per cent,—leaving 14 per cent, which the law provides shall be assessed upon shareholders.

The backing up of greenbacks in New York City is referred to, and attention called to the resolution passed by the Clearing House; and the belief expressed that its enforcement will do more to prevent such illegitimate transactions among banks than any legislation by Congress.

A table is given showing the total amount of coin held by all the National Banks, together with the amount of gold, legal-tender notes, checks payable in specie, and coin held by banks in New York City, stated separately.

Amendments to the act are suggested as follows: The organization of banks without circulation, upon the deposit of $10,000 in United States bonds, instead of one-third of the capital; the imposing of a penalty on, and withholding of interest from, banks whose capital is impaired, and who refuse to go into liquidation within section 43 of the act; to prevent the circulation of shinplasters by railroads and other corporations of the South; defining more fully the duties of the Comptroller and Receiver in the final closing of insolvent banks; and an amendment permitting banks to loan 10 per cent on capital and surplus. The proportion of taxation is believed to be much greater than upon other property.

Full statistics are given, exhibiting the amount of dividends and earnings of National Banks for the last four years. The ratio of net earnings of the National Banks of the country to capital and surplus, without making allowance for bad debts, is about 10 per cent annually, and the ratio of dividends to capital and surplus is less than 4½ per cent.

The appendix will contain much new statistical information in reference to the kind of funds held as reserves by banks, and their net profits; also comparative tables showing the amount of authorized circulation, together with population and wealth in 1870, circulation *per capita*, the ratio of circulation to wealth, to capital, and to deposits, under the present system, and under the State banking system in the year 1863.

The importance of frequent examinations by competent and courteous examiners is stated, and a small appropriation is asked to defray the expenses of special examinations, in order that such investigations may be promptly made, as may be considered expedient for the protection of creditors. Increased compensation for gentlemen holding responsible positions in office is also urged.

ALL SAFE.

Arrival of the "Arizona" at San Francisco.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 23.—The Arizona, Constitution, and Saranac reached their moorings at 3:30 this afternoon. All well on board. The accident to the Arizona occurred Oct. 27, at 2:20 p. m. The piston parted, the main steam cross-head went through the lower head-cylinder and part of the condenser. No one was injured, notwithstanding the great escape of steam. The sails were set, but there was no wind. The second officer and a boat's crew were despatched to Acapulco. The steamer drifted away from land till Nov. 1, when the Company's steamer Salvador was signalled. She took the steamer in tow, picked up the second officer, and went on to Acapulco, which she reached Nov. 3, at 3:30 p. m. On Nov. 11 the Constitution came alongside, transferred the passengers, and towed her to San Francisco, the Saranac convoying.

SPRINGFIELD.

Insurance Matters—Incorporations.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Nov. 23.—The Western Assurance Company, of Toronto, Canada, having deposited $200,000 with the Auditor, and complied with the requirements of the Insurance law, was, to-day, licensed to do business in this State.

The Franklin Insurance Company, of Indianapolis, Ind., filed its annual statement in the office of the Auditor, to-day, and received permission to do business in this State.

The following organizations received permission, to-day, to open books for subscriptions to their capital stock: The Sheridan Pickling and Fruit Company, of LaSalle, capital stock, $50,000; The Cuba Coal Company, of Fulton County, capital stock, $100,000.

Boston Items.

BOSTON, Nov. 23.—Before the adjournment of the National Academy of Science to-day, Professor Pierce presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed upon memorializing Congress concerning action on scientific subjects, which shall tend to elevate the nation.

Professor Agassiz supported the resolution, and it was adopted unanimously.

The Citizens' Relief Fund amounts to $102,000, and the Harvard College Fund to $82,500.

The proprietors of the *Herald* contributed $1,000 to the Citizens' Relief Fund and $1,000 for families of killed and disabled firemen.

The Coliseum Building was sold at auction to-day for $10,500.

Obituary.

LONDON, Nov 23.—Sir John Browring died yesterday. He was formerly a member of Parliament, British Minister to China, and editor of the *Westminster Review*.

ROCK ISLAND, Ill., Nov. 23.—The *Argus* this morning announces the death of Captain Joseph Throckmorton, of the United States steamer Montana, engaged in the river improvement here. He was a Captain on the Mississippi River since 1827, had a large acquaintance, and was an excellent man, and his death is much regretted by all engaged in the Mississippi navigation. His age was 72. The remains go to St. Louis to-night for interment.

Death on the Rail.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 23.—John Burk, a laborer on the Indianapolis, Cincinnati & Lafayette Railroad, was run over and killed by a freight train, near the depot, this morning.

A Murderer to be Hanged.

BOSTON, Nov. 23.—James McElhany, convicted of the murder of his wife, has been sentenced to be hanged.

FOREIGN.

FRANCE.

PARIS, Nov. 23.—It is known that President Thiers indorses the plan lately proposed by the Committee of the Left Center for the formation of a second Chamber of the National Legislature. He also favors some definite settlement of the relations between the Legislative and Executive Departments of the Government. As to questions of general policy in the internal affairs of the Republic, Thiers adheres to the conservative ground taken in his recent message.

There was no discussion of national questions in the Assembly yesterday. Nothing is known of the discussions of the Committee to draft resolutions in reply to the President's message. Thiers stated his views very fully at the session yesterday, and after his withdrawal the committee held a private conference for the consideration of points of his statement.

PARIS, Nov. 23.—A despatch from Brest reports that the steamship Washington, for New York, is detained, because of the heavy gale prevailing outside.

The bill providing for the restoration to the Orleans family of their property, confiscated in 1852, has passed to a second reading in the National Assembly.

GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDONDERRY, Nov. 23.—The municipal election is holding here to-day, and troops are stationed, trouble being apprehended.

LONDON, Nov. 23.—O'Leary, one of the leaders of the recent Hyde Park demonstration in favor of the release of the Fenian prisoners, made application to-day to Justice Quain for a withdrawal of a summons to appear for examination, as the charge against him had been abandoned, and the summons for six other persons to present themselves for trial had been withdrawn. O'Leary stated he contemplated emigrating to America, where his prospects would be injured should the summons remain in existence

College, in Akron, Ohio, Tuesday, the the late Rev. George Messenger donated 000 to endow the chair of Mental and Philosophy. A gentleman of Springfield has agreed to endow another chair same amount, and a lady of Akron the same. Rev. A. Wilson was elected to place of the deceased Rev. Mr. Messenger.

—A man wanting to stop at Greenville, N. Y., was bound to do so, having be. was on the special train, formed that the train would give Greenville's the go-by at the rate of forty-five hour. The fellow jumped, and soon nursing. The conductor telegraphed Syracuse concerning the desperate case, and learned that he only suffered a bruised two ribs by being hurled into the ditch.

—The "fire fiend" is hard to beat in Chicago had wood and a stone supposed to be kerosene. Boston felt safe because granite. After those burned the suggestion made that iron shutters to every window missing link. In Brooklyn, Monday, the a great warehouse got the advantage there were iron shutters through which of water could not be forced. The building regarded as fire-proof; but part of its intended to make it fire-proof, aided in struction. So we say.—*Hartford (Ct.) P.*

—The Chicago & Northwestern Railway pany has had a party of about thirty engaged for several months past in exploring lands lying between Menominee and Escanaba. Recent reports from the party show the ety of several large tracts of very superior ore, situated in the midst of a finely country. The prospects now are that tracts of as pure iron ore will be found nominee as have been found anywhere borders of Lake Superior; but they will advantage over the latter of being situated country where the ores can be smelted at paratively small expense.

—Mr. Seward's house at Auburn is filled singular testimonials of regard and esteem every quarter of the world, which were sented to him after his retirement to life. There are specimens of ore from mines; specimens from the young Art Association of Mexico; walking-sticks and canes the four corners of the globe. But the rious present is a gorgeous silk hand China, such as the men of rank have before them in processions, with the portrait Mr. Seward in the centre, his son's emblem at the top, and around the border a gaudy crowd of hypothetical ancestors.

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD

Completed to Missouri River, Leaving a Few Miles of Track-Laying.

From the St. Paul Pioneer, Nov. 22.

It has been recently intimated by the officers of the Northern Pacific Railroad that the work of construction is not completed to the Missouri River to this date, notwithstanding the representations of the financial agents of the Company, made weeks ago, both in the United States and Europe, that the road would be fully completed to the Missouri River by the 1st of November. It is further intimated in the same quarter that for want of means, and in the meantime locking up excavation by the drifting snows, has been the cause. We deeply regret such unwarranted sensations, calculated only to obstruct the financial operations of this great enterprise, and to benefit some others of much less importance than the Northern Pacific Company were, both by Messrs. Ryan, Cauldwell & Co., the contractors, as well as by its own agents in the field, who had direction of the construction of the Dakota division, that the work on that subdivision, including the laying of the track, would be completed by the 23d of October, the necessary forces were engaged to accomplish the work. When these reports were made to the authorities in New York, in the month of September, the entire earthwork had been completed, and track-laying was progressing at the rate of two miles and a half per day. This rate of progress, there being a certain number of miles of track and a certain number of miles to build, with a full force of experienced men engaged on each character of work, is a easy problem to calculate the exact number of days required to complete the work, as stated above, was reported according.

The bridge contractors, Messrs. F. Sweney & Co., were subjected to thirteen days' delay included in the months of August and September; in their department of bridge building from want of bridge material. It is probable that this delay was unforeseen by all concerned, and consequently no blame attaches either to Payson & Co. or W. F. Sweney & Co. But the delay of the track caused by want of bridge materia. is the true cause of non-completion of the road to this date, and therefore not from want of means and credit, as has been maliciously intimated.

The track has reached a point 18 miles west from the river, and if not completed this season can readily be done in eight or nine days' laying, and this be in ample time to secure the opening of navigation on the Upper Mississippi River.

We understand that negotiations are pending for freighting Government supplies over the Northern Pacific. This will necessitate the establishment of a line of steamers at the Grand Rapids Crossing, of some considerable magnitude, as the Government alone will furnish employment for a fleet. Independent of the business of the growing trade of Montana. These large additional freights, taken in connection with the large freights going to Montana, together with the trade on the line of the Northern Pacific railroad must necessarily receive impulses on the opening business of '73, of an unprecedented character.

In conclusion, it may be proper to state that the N. P. Co. has built on the main line about miles of first-class railroad in four months. This affords some idea of the vast amount of means the Company has paid out in a comparatively short time, and also of the energy displayed in the department of the work. The failure of a few miles of track, which can be done in a few days, is no cause for abuse of the Company.

PERSONAL.

—Ex-Governor Stephen Miller is re-elected to the Minnesota Legislature.

—Prof. Kent, of Olivet Michigan, has been elected President of Knox College.

—Professor Tyndall has not yet accepted the invitation to visit San Francisco.

—Mr. Hoey, of New York, is coming home from Europe with $200,000 worth of picture furniture.

—Coonlel M. S. Barnes, of Aurora, has left for the Galesburg *Free Press*.

—Thomas Archibald, a native of Nova Scotia, has been appointed a Baron of the Court of Exchequer.

—Mr. Ayer, from Buffalo, N. Y., Principal of the Academy at Cherryfield, has very suddenly and mysteriously disappeared from that town.

—For Sergeant-at-Arms of the Wisconsin Senate: W. D. Hoard, of the Jefferson *Union*, late incumbent; John Hicks, of the Rock Northwestern; and Captain Albert Jackson, of Portage.

—M. D. Woodford, for many years at the head of the telegraphic department of the Michigan Central Railroad, has just accepted the appointment of Assistant General Superintendent of the Great Western Railway, to have his headquarters at Windsor.

—Galusha A. Grow, President of the Houston & Great Northern Railroad of Texas, has been elected President of the International Road. Both are hereafter to be operated as one line under the management of Mr. Grow. At present the two roads have 375 miles in running order, mainly built by New York capitalists.

—Three California Governors have died within eight days' living. The deceased are McDougal, Bigler, and Johnson. The living are Burnett, of San Francisco; Weller, in New Orleans; Latham, in San Francisco. Downey is in Los Angeles; Stanford, in Sacramento; Low, in China; Haight, in San Francisco. Governor Dougal and Downey were not selected (Governors) but succeeded respectively Burnett and Latham.

North American Bee-Keepers' Association.

The next session of this Society will be held in Indianapolis, Dec. 4, 5, and 6, next. A number of the last two annual meetings, fourteen States besides Canada, and some Territories, were represented, and the indications are favorable for a large and interesting meeting at the coming session. Prominent apiarists (including several ladies) from all parts of the country will be present to give energy and interest to the proceedings.

The following roads will return all people free, who have paid full fare one way: P. P. & W. R. R., from Pittsburgh to Indianapolis. Pt. W., M. & C. R. R., from Fort Wayne to Connersville—Purchase round trip tickets at all stations. C. & I. R. R., from Cincinnati to Indianapolis.—Round trip tickets sold at all stations. I. C. & L., from Cincinnati to Lafayette—Round trip tickets. Lawrenceburg, Greensburg, Shelbyville, Thorntown, Colfax, Lafayette, Lebanon, and Zionsville. C., C., C. & I. R. R., from Cleveland to Indianapolis—and I. & St. L. R. R., from St. Louis to Indianapolis (same line)—One-fifth fare returning. St. L., V. T. H. I. R. R., another line from St. Louis to Indianapolis—One-fifth fare returning. The Porter House, Revere House and Palmer House, in Indianapolis, will remember at reduced rates.

For further particulars address the Secretary, H. A. King, 16 Murray street, New York.

NEW YORK.

Of Writing at Home and Why Purely Literary Men Live in the Metropolis.

Jenny Lind as a Keeper of Engagements.

Cold-Blooded Murder Rendered Safe.

Juliet as an Iceberg—Juliet as a Pretty Woman.

Original Publication.

From Our Own Correspondent.

NEW YORK, Nov. 21, 1872.

Hardly be thought that, even in the Metropolis of this Continent, there are no men who make literature strictly as a profession. It is true they object to them, practically, they depend on it. It may be a luxury; it is necessity. To live, unless they are of independence otherwise, they must course to some regular business. Literature directly meeting public wants and public interests, more closely identified with the events of the day and the hour, is AMERICAN LITERATURE.

Boston, a few authors seem to live upon; but this is rather in seeming than reality. Longfellow has long been in comfortable circumstances apart from his labors; Lowell is wealthy by inheritance; Whittier poor, and subsists in Spartan simplicity; Holmes lives plainly and frugally; Holmes and Whipple is the literary resource of newspaper; and so with the rest.

Many persons of both sexes devote themselves to literature, though not few have Government place, or hold the editorial chairs of journals.

Where the newspaper, in any true sense, does not exist, nearly all the literary work expected with the press as story-tellers, or critics. They are not numerous. They are simply literary men employed on newspapers which have no news. Berlin, and other leading capitals, have their followers, but few devotees, for the followers if they came too near. The others usually have places in Universities in law, medicine, or some trade, and thus in keeping the wolf from the door. In fact, all the world over, the author is, or other agencies than authorship, financially a poor devil, and is generally enough himself, if not to bread, at least to keep other sources.

AVOCATIONS HERE

are not materially different from those in this regard; and yet it is a fact that literature is not self-sustaining anywhere else as many rewards and so many places for every sort of activity. Why our literary men is entirely such? Why are Bryant writes poems and translations "because, having been for nearly 50 years the principal owner of the Evening Post, he acquired the means to insure his life. Godwin made his pecuniary fortune also by his editorship of the *Post*. Bryant gained by Bayard Taylor comes his stockholdership in the *Tribune*; Halpine, now editor and part owner of the *Herald*, got his start in life by his home in Springfield (Mass.) *Republican*.

Any author ever accumulates any money earns a livelihood must look to the mercantile world. William Cullen Bryant is a "Nothing to Wear," and Bayard Taylor is a lawyer; so is Richard B. Kimball, author of "St. Leger." Richard Grant White and Herman Melville, and Louis Gaylord Clark, occupants of desks in the Custom House, and Henry Stoddard has a clerkship in the Department of Public Docks. Edmund C. Stedman is a stock-broker; Richard Henry Stoddard, the editor of the *Illustrated News*; George William Curtis is the leader-writer of *Harper's Weekly*, the "Easy Chair" of the *Monthly*, and "Editor's Scholar" of the *Bazar*. So I might show that every man of literary repute in the city owes his subsistence neither to his profession nor his writing talent.

Some of these authors have, however, observed that James Redpath, of the Lecture Bureau, recently rented his mansion in Fort Bret Harte, because the editor had failed to lecture in that place at a certain evening, as he had agreed to do. Mr. Redpath seems to think that lecturers, and even men who are not professional lecturers, are bound to keep their engagements; forgetting that punctuality is one of the virtues, which the commonest man may practice.

Instead of thinking oneself a genius and accountable to ordinary rules and regulations, there must be an end between Mr. Harte and Mr. Redpath, which, it is to be understood, that the latter made arrangements for the lecture at the place and at the figure agreed upon between the parties, and made engagements under the rate were those lying directly on which the manager thought the "Heathen Chinee" was to accept, and which it is common to make. Mr. Harte took exception, considering that his reputation would be undervalued thereby, and, in consequence, cancelled all his engagements made for Mr. Redpath to be cancelled. This was too late, in the judgment of the latter, who felt the injury done to his enterprise was twice over broken.

Mr. Redpath was angry with Mr. Harte, and Mr. Harte was equally irate with Mr. Redpath. Each called the other names in terms by no means complimentary, and legal measures are the result of the quarrel. They may, however, resort to that desperate recourse to literary writing.

MARY HARTE,

is determined to prove that her sisterhood of genius at least. She is an habitual violator of all sorts of rules, whether social or literary, and is incapable of doing anything at the time. There are those who say that she written a line of the lecture he delivered a week ago; that magazine-article, too, to be published last month are her brain; and that the play she has completed ere this at the Fifth Avenue Theatre, remains in outline. If this be true, it is excellent for Mr. Harte that he is a wealth, and therefore abundantly of money goes, to despise publishers, and the absurdity of keeping an engagement. If he should have happened to be debt, he would be one of the men who refuse to take the course which is adopted by him, but, with riches and genius, he is undisturbed self-consciousness, and is a fellow they his own whims, and the feelings of others? Been having, as you are aware, strange literary wonder, a brutal husband in the name of Fenner. The whole secret of the killing of O'Neill by James C. King seems to be the former had been a witness of the visit of his wife, and was willing to testify in Court. King had learned from witnesses that it is entirely safe for a husband to murder any man, if he presumes that the selected victim has invaded his domesticity. Consequently O'Neill is to have been his wife's lover, he had a good opportunity, and, being a fellow, and in the most cold-blooded manner, shot him down.

Now, as this some method should exist, these infamous assassinations would be no more, the life of any man in the hands of any villain and there is an inclination to charge the man invading his marital rights. Juries and Courts have seemed to think a murderous husband needs no proof as to his belief or not.

Now, there must be an end to these meeting legal forces, and the ministers of justice might ultimately be brought to bear upon them. A few days since that a notorious man, on probability, had shot his own wife, and murdered an entirely innocent man. Previous attempts, on the part of the woman had claim his relative. On the dinner, the assassin had the coolness to call an interviewing the world and trusted in the Lord; he is a future state; and that he had the fear of God and wrong-doing ever before his eyes.

WANTED—A ROMEO.

The difficulty of getting a really good actor to take a leading part, even in the finest metropolitan theatre, is shown by the fact that, for the last three months, Edwin Booth has been trying to engage somebody to enact Romeo to Miss Neilson's Juliet. He applied to Lawrence Barrett, Edwin Adams, and several other artists in the line of juvenile tragedy,—all to no purpose. Those applied to had other engagements, or possibly they did not wish to incur the risk of comparison with Booth in the same part. So Mr. Joseph Wheelock, who can hardly be regarded as a Shakspearean artist, was selected through necessity; and he is now doing the fiery and impetuous lover in a style that would do infinite credit to the keeper of an ice-house. His conception is, that the the passionate young Veronese was a hoary mathematician, whose every impulse and emotion had been dead at least fifty years. Actors might well exclaim, in the words of Juliet, "Romeo, Romeo, wherefore art thou Romeo?"—since there is not one in the whole country, Edwin Booth excepted, fitted to the character.

SECURED—A JULIET.

One thing may be said of Miss Neilson's Juliet, which cannot be said of any representative of the part for many a day; she is both young and decidedly pretty. She is not an extraordinary actress; but the graces of her person and manner do much to make up for any artistic defects she may possess.

I have seen so many homely and middle-aged Juliets,—designed by Nature for Meg Merrilies or Azucena,—that I can't help regarding a really fresh and comely woman in the character both as a novelty and a desideratum.

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just issued on an economical basis, solicits from writers all their rejected manuscripts; the editor expressing the belief that their rejection indicates their superiority to what has been accepted. He says he feels confident that this opinion, honestly entertained, will give him the fullest sympathy of the literary class, and regarding its members his firm and unflinching friends forevermore. COLEROOK.

FIRES.

The Cause and Prevention of Fires.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: So much has been said and written in regard to fires, their causes and prevention, that it would seem almost unnecessary, or perhaps useless, to offer any further suggestions on the subject; nevertheless, if your readers are not already surfeited with voluntary advice and opinions, I will venture some further reflections on the causes, and means of prevention, of large fires:

One year ago, or soon after our great fire, I wrote up and published a small pamphlet on this subject. Therein I endeavored to show that we should so construct our buildings that large fires could not occur; and this, not by building what we are accustomed to call fire-proof buildings, in the strict sense of the term, but rather by building all our buildings so that they shall be sufficiently fire-proof to intercept the rapid spread of a fire through them, and, in this way, keep it within the control of the Fire Department.

The fact is undoubtedly known to many, that, in several of the leading commercial cities of England, an attempt was made, some twenty to thirty years since, to build fire-proof warehouses; and the best building talent in the country was employed in the construction of such buildings, of what was then supposed without doubt to be fire-proof materials, namely: stone, brick, and iron; and these buildings, in whose construction—walls, floors, ceilings, and roofs—no wood or other combustible material had a place, were filled with merchandise of an inflammable nature, which took fire by spontaneous combustion, as was believed, and the buildings that contained them melted down like so much wax. These, and other like attempts at fire-proofing buildings, both at home and abroad, prove conclusively that it is next to an impossibility to erect a building that is absolutely fire-proof. Nor, in the opinion of the writer, is it necessary; it can do no, except for some special purposes. It is, as before stated, far better to build all our buildings so that, if a fire originates in one of them, it will burn but slowly, and, by this means, confine the fire to the building in which it originated.

This is what I advocated one year ago, and I am more than ever convinced that it is the only feasible method of preventing great conflagrations. If I rightly understand it, THE TRIBUNE advocates substantially the same thing.

It is a well-known fact that mortar is a material that is much less injured by heat than iron, and it is for this reason mainly that, in France and Italy, and some other European States, it has come to be an almost universal custom to fill in between wooden joists, studded partitions, rafters of houses and other roofs, and such like timber-constructions, with a coarse mortar or concrete; and it is also a fact, well known to those who know anything about it, that a fire can make but slow progress in a floor, partition, or roof that is so constructed.

It may be objected that this filling in process would be too great a dead weight for the timbers to carry; but the ingenuity of the architect would soon devise a way to make it as light as practicable, and the extra expense would be so inconsiderable that property-owners would soon find it cheaper than to have buildings frequently burned.

Modern ingenuity has already devised a method for substantially accomplishing this, by the use of iron laths, and a small amount of mortar; and there are various other methods of more or less merit, which will produce the same results, if people will only avail themselves of them. No wooden joist or rafter will burn so as to help on a conflagration if it is encased in a close compartment, as between the floor above and the ceiling below a tier of joists; providing this inclosure is absolutely air-tight; and this can readily be made so by the use of iron-lath and mortar, or by filling in with mortar or concrete, on the European plan. In the first arrangement, the surroundings might become so hot as to bake or carbonize and convert the joists into charcoal; but they would not blaze and help to burn other inflammable materials, for the very good reason that there would be no supply of oxygen, without which combustion is impossible.

For much the same reason, joists, studs, and rafters that are filled in with concrete flush with their edges, will only burn the edges of the rafters a little, and then go out, or, if they burn out entire, will only do so after a comparatively long space of time, and a fire would spread so slowly that it would rarely or never go beyond the building in which it originated.

This, in my judgment, is the true theory of building, if we would protect ourselves against such disastrous conflagrations as visited our city one year ago and Boston more recently.

Mansard roofs are no doubt fire-traps of the worst kind, but this results largely from the fact that they are so high up that the firemen cannot reach them. As at present constructed, they increase the danger from fires immensely, no doubt; yet it is both possible and practicable to construct them so that they may be comparatively free from danger. Europeans, beside protecting these lumber-piles by the filling-in process, which I have before indicated, are generally careful to carry up stone or brick walls above the roof as frequently as circumstances will admit, and thereby add another protection which we are apt to neglect.

Another source of mischief in case of fire inside a building is the "modern improvement" called elevators. These, however, can be built of, or rather inclosed in a light, hollow brick wall, and be securely closed with iron doors at each floor, and, in this way, be entirely free from any danger by way of communicating fire from one story to another.

Tar and gravel roofs are believed by many to be a source of danger; and, while I do not share in the apprehension that many do regarding them, that danger, if there is any, will be entirely overcome by overlaying the roof-boards under the felt with an inch of mortar; after which, barrels of tar, or any other combustible material, may be burned upon it with impunity. Since the great fire, several of my clients have adopted this plan of covering their roofs with mortar, and one of them informed me, a few days since, in consequence of it, he saved one-fourth 1 per cent of insurance, which amounted, in a single year, to more than the cost of covering it.

More than twenty years ago, and before I became a resident of this city, I resorted to this method of covering the floor-linings with an inch of cement mortar before laying the finishing floor; and I have no doubt whatever that, if this process was generally adopted, with the addition of lathing the ceilings with iron lath, extending it entirely out to the walls all around, with such other inexpensive precautionary measures as the good judgment of an architect would suggest to him, it would more than repay the cost by the reduction in insurance risk on the building and its contents.

It is of little use to make one building fire-proof, and surround it with those that will burn before the firemen can reach them. What we want is some inexpensive means of making all our buildings partially fire-proof,—so far so that a fire, if it gets started, will burn so slowly as to be entirely under control. This may be done after the European plan for wood construction, or by some of the cheaper, though perhaps less effectual methods of semi-fire proofing which I have pointed out. And, while we may shut our eyes to the inevitably until we are overtaken by another conflagration, to which we are just as much exposed as ever, it behooves us to consider whether it is not, after all, better to build a little more thoroughly in this respect, and pay a little less for insurance and the support of so extensive a Fire Department.

The new *Times* building now being erected in this city, though of wooden construction in part, inside is, nevertheless, made substantially fire-proof on the same general principles which I have herein advocated, although the manner of doing it is quite unlike anything heretofore in use, and, if well executed, will, I have no doubt, prove an entire success. It is to these, or some of these methods, that we must come at last.

G. P. RANDALL, Architect.

MONROE BLOCK, CHICAGO.

Fire Apparatus.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: Since the late great fire in Boston, the public has been agitated anew by a vivid recollection of the Chicago fire, but a little over a year ago, in each of which vast amounts of property were consumed by the flames. A natural inquiry is made by every one, whether or not more property or lives could have been saved if better facilities were given the Fire Department to reach the tops of high buildings with their streams of water. On this point we are reminded of the burning of the Drake-Parwell Block, in 1870, when the fire originated in the loft of the building, burning its way to the basement. Those that saw that fire were of the unanimous opinion that, if water could have been got up to the floor on which the fire started, at the time the engines arrived on the ground, the building could have been saved with but a comparatively slight loss. As it was, the engines were compelled to play their streams upon the outside walls, leaving the fire undisturbed to burn its way to the ground. In addition to the property destroyed, lives were lost in this fire, as well, also, the lives of three brave firemen in the building of Wisdom & Lee, on Canal street, some two years ago, having in discharge of their duty gone to perilous positions. In retiring to safety, they were lost in the dense smoke, and were unable to find a means of escape from the burning building. And more or less lives are lost for that same reason.

It is an established fact, rendered so by necessity, that, when an alarm of fire is given, and the Fire Department reach the fire, the first thing generally done is to break open the doors, and, if the fire is on the upper floors, the firemen run up to where the fire is with their hose. This, under the present order of things, is necessary, but, by opening the door below, a draft is furnished the flames,—the same as by opening the dampers of a stove,—which, we well know, increases their fury, and renders their subjugation more difficult. After the firemen get up stairs, their retreat is often cut off by the stairs catching fire, for that is the natural course for the draft to take. In this case, they must escape as best they can, either by jumping from a window, or by such other means as are providentially afforded them.

My purpose is to call attention to a recent invention of Mr. Henry A. Richards, of this city, that will obviate all of these difficulties, rendering it an easy matter to get hose to the top of the highest building in one moment's time, as was done on the Hamlin & Hale Building, during the Convention of the National Board of Underwriters in this city this past summer, under the direction of Fire Marshal Williams. The invention consists of an iron shaft, extending either over a single window, or the entire length of the building and on all sides, as may be desired, and secreted in the cornice, entirely hidden from view. Upon this shaft are coiled flexible wire-rope ladders, of sufficient length to reach the ground; in this drum upon which the ladders are coiled is a sheave through which passes a single wire rope, with hooks at each end, which unrolls with the ladder, both ends reaching the ground. To operate this machinery, a box similar to the fire-alarm boxes is placed in any part of the building, on the outside, where a policeman can have access (fire-alarm box-keys fitting their boxes), or in the office of the hotel. When an alarm of fire is given, the box is opened, and the lever presenting itself is pulled. This releases the brake that holds the shaft, and the ladders descend slowly in front of every window in the house; so that, in case of fire, the occupant of a room in the eighth-story of the building may step from his windows on to the ladder, with his back to the wall, and descend in safety to the ground. The fire department need not wait upon the ground; one end of the wire-rope is hooked on to the hose and the other to the hose-cart, and the horse led off, and, in less than one moment's time, the hose is on the top of the house; the firemen ascend the ladder to the roof, or to either story, as the case may require, and play their stream on the fire, without wasted time or water. All this may be done from the outside of the building, without opening a door or a window on the ground floor. The ladder remains intact and serviceable as long as the walls stand.

For saving life and valuables this machine is especially adapted. As the ladder and shaft will sustain a weight of from 7,000 to 50,000 pounds, anything from a piano to the smallest article can be lowered upon it. In hotels, or buildings occupied for offices or sleeping rooms, a stout web-strap is provided to be strapped around the breast, under the arms,—of an invalid or a timid person, unwilling to descend the ladder, to which is fastened one of the hooks in the end of the hose elevator,—while the other is held and controlled by parties on the ground below.

So much for my invention, which I have patented, and which I am now introducing into use this present summer. It is used in this city by the Gardner House, and Hamlin, Hale & Co., while other hotels expect to use it when far enough completed.

This communication is called forth by noticing a letter published in your issue of the 15th inst., from Mr. F. W. Luxmen, in which he speaks of the well-drilled Fire Departments of European cities, where the "Pompiers" are, by their peculiar skill, able to climb to the roof of an eight-story building from the outside of the building. It is hardly to be supposed that with all of the bravery and skill of our American firemen, they will ever acquire sufficient dexterity for a scale, from the outside, such a building as Field & Leiter's, or any other building, without the assistance of a ladder of some kind. This invention is always ready for use, at a moment's notice, in any of the ways described. Mr. Henry A. Richards is a member of the firm of Richards, Norris & Co., in this city, who will cheerfully furnish parties with any desired information concerning his invention. R.

THE O'NEILL MURDER.

Evidence of Mrs. O'Neill—Her Solemn Denunciation of the Murderer of Her Husband—Scenes in the Court Room.

From the New York Herald, Nov. 22.

The inquiry into the cause of the death of Anthony F. O'Neill was resumed and concluded yesterday before Coroner Herrman, at the City Hall. It resulted in a verdict by the jury that O'Neill was "deliberately" shot by King. The investigation was commenced shortly after 10 o'clock, and was closed about 3 o'clock in the afternoon. It will be seen by a report of the proceedings, as given below, that the evidence was of a very conclusive character, and concentrated with a fatal directness against the prisoner. The first witness was Mrs. O'Neill, the wife of the deceased. Seldom has the opportunity been afforded to any jury to listen to a witness who had so deep a personal interest in the story she related that could with so much clearness, and yet with such an absence of feminine weakness, testify to facts that were fraught with consequences so momentous with a minuteness that resembled a pre-Raphaelite picture she detailed each incident of that fatal staircase scene, and, with tones that were quite revocential and a long way removed from fanaticism, she described the improvised ceremonial that introduced her husband into

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH,

and closed that description by reciting the manner of his death in the simple words, "and then he breathed his last." Her denunciation of the prisoner when she was called upon by the Coroner to formally identify King could not have been surpassed by any tragic actress. Though there was much that was apparently theatrical in it, no idea of stage effect could have been present in the mind of any one who saw it. When the identification was made by Mrs. O'Neill, and King was told by the Coroner to stand up, Mrs. O'Neill drew her crape veil a little on one side, evidently to enable the prisoner to see her face, and then, as King stood apparently unabashed by the ordeal, she made the sign of her cross, and as she made it she said, with a slight tremor, but with a tone of voice that was charmingly musical, and with a deliberateness that seemed to send a hush of solemnity around the Court Room, "In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost," and then raising her index finger, and holding it with a steadiness that showed not the slightest sign of trembling, she said, with a world of feeling in every syllable, "That is the man." She held her finger in that attitude until King had taken his seat, and then, with a marvellous composure, turned her face to the Coroner, as though she were about to ask if there were any more questions, or whether that identification was not sufficient. Mrs. O'Neill shortly afterwards left the witness stand. The wife of the prisoner, Mrs. King, had accompanied Mrs. O'Neill to the Court, and when the latter returned to her seat the woman that was in her agonized itself. The strain of that examination had been borne very bravely, but the reaction had to come, and the moment she took her seat she threw herself on the bosom of Mrs. King and

WEPT BITTERLY.

Mrs. King throughout the inquiry, betrayed no emotion. She was evidently battling with great nervous excitement, but she conquered it all the way through. Her unfortunate husband, when he entered the room with his counsel, Mr. Beach, before he took his seat in the chair that had been placed for him in the centre of the Court, looked attentively to the corner where his wife, Mrs. O'Neill, all the witnesses, with their counsel and ex-Judge Fullerton, were sitting; but Mrs. King bestowed no sign of recognition towards him, but held her head steadily away from that part of the Court. Her conduct was precisely the same after her husband had been found guilty by the jury. The police arrangements included the departure from the room of Mrs. O'Neill and the prosecuting party before any other person was allowed to leave. Mrs. King had to pass, leaning on the arm of Judge Fullerton, closely to her husband, but she designed not one look, and swept past the father of her children as though she had never known him. The evidence of Judge Sutherland was useful, as showing with what coolness King delivered up the revolver. Adams, the stenographer, saw the fatal shot fired, and identified King as the man whom he saw fire it. Testimony so cumulative in its character has seldom been presented in any murder case. There was some little excitement in Court when the

UNEXPECTED EVIDENCE

of Policeman Gilbert was given, with regard to the finding of a loaded revolver on the person of the deceased after he was taken lifeless to the station house. This fact, in connection with that which was brought out by Mr. Beach, that the exclamation of Mrs. O'Neill to her husband, "Don't," when he turned round to face his murderer, seemed to point to an intention of O'Neill at that time to draw his revolver. There was no indications of the possible line of defence, with the exception of the request made by Mr. Beach to the Coroner that the photograph said to have been found in the pocketbook of the deceased should be produced for the purpose of identifying the lady whom it represented. It has been stated that that is a photograph of Mrs. O'Neill. Mr. Beach's request seems to throw some doubt upon that supposition. The Coroner declined to comply with the desires of counsel, and deemed that the identification of that portrait was not pertinent to the investigation into the cause of death. The element of jealousy as productive of possible mental derangement is evidently relied upon as

A PLAUSIBLE DEFENCE.

The attitude of King throughout the investigation was manifestly that of a man with an unshrinking nerve. His organizations is by no means impervious to excitement, but it is evidently well under control of a powerful will. The details of the murder, so harrowingly told by nearly all the witnesses; the dirgeness of the testimony, that came home to him with a force that he, as a lawyer, must have known to be irrefutable, all failed to excite in him any outward indication of feeling. Occasionally his long, bony fingers would play nervously with his mustache, or they would form a resting place for a moment for his head, or he would twirl his soft felt hat around, as if unconscious of what he was doing; but, beyond these signs, there was no indications that he had the slightest realization that he was on the threshold of the valley of the shadow of death, or that he would very shortly be summoned to the presence of that God of whose existence, it is said, he professes to have no belief in.

The jury, after a short deliberation, returned a conclusive verdict of wilful murder. During that deliberation a lawyer named Stanley, who defended King when he was on trial for a murder he was alleged he committed when a resident of

THE SANDWICH ISLANDS,

sat by his side, and entered into conversation with the prisoner. The talk was of a very animated kind, and King entered into it with considerable zest. Previous to his removal to the Tombs, on the warrant of the Coroner, he had a short conversation with Mr. Beach and Mr. Vanderpool, both of whom are his counsel, and he left behind him a feeling of coolness and deliberation that appeared not to know any fear. In the crowd that filled every part of the courtroom, there were many friends of the prisoner and the deceased. Considerable sympathy was expressed for O'Neill, who appears to have been greatly beloved by all who knew him intimately. It appears he was born at Glamorganshire, Wales, on the 8th day of June, 1840, and at the age of eight years came to this country with his parents and settled in Boston, Mass. He was educated as a civil engineer and draughtsman, but about the year 1862 he entered the navy, and was rapidly promoted until he became a Lieutenant, and had command of three different gunboats on the Mississippi, and participated in seventeen engagements, the most important of which was that before the forts below New Orleans. He bore an excellent reputation among his fellow-officers for personal courage.

After the war he resigned from the navy and practiced his profession of civil engineer at Boston Highlands, Mass., where he continued until he received an appointment as freight agent for the Erie Railway Company in October, 1869, which position he held at the time of his death.

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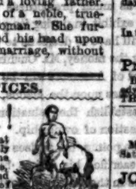

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TO-DAY'S AMUSEMENTS.

McVICKER'S THEATRE—Madison street, between State and Dearborn. Miss Maggie Mitchell, supported by Mr. L. R. Showell. "Jane Eyre."

AIKEN'S THEATRE—Wabash avenue, corner of Congress street. G. L. Fox Pantomime Combination. "Humpty Dumpty."

HOOLEY'S OPERA HOUSE—Randolph street, between Clark and LaSalle. The Allen-Mac Combination, supported by Aiken's Company. "Rip Van Winkle."

ACADEMY OF MUSIC—Halsted street, south of Madison. Engagement of Miss Charlotte Thompson. "Sea of Ice."

MYERS' OPERA HOUSE—Monroe street, between State and Dearborn. Arlington, Cotton & Kemble's Minstrel and Burlesque Troupe.

NIXON'S AMPHITHEATRE—Clinton street, between Washington and Randolph. Mollenchi Ballet and Dramatic Combination. "French Spy."

GLOBE THEATRE—Desplaines street, between Madison and Washington. Miss Blanche Selwyn. "Divorce" and "Jack the Giant Killer."

The Chicago Tribune.

Monday Morning, November 25, 1872.

Thousands of horses, the Humane Society reports, are still unwell in Chicago, and will be useless for some time. Two hundred and five died during the last week.

Daniel Drew is said to have lost $2,500,000 by the recent flurry in Wall street; Henry N. Smith about $4,000,000. How Jay Gould tricked his former partner and Drew into these losses is fully told elsewhere. President Watson, of the Erie Road, disavows any intention of affecting the stock market by his arrest of Gould.

Competitive examinations in the Revenue Marine Service, says its Chief, have given him a firmer staff of subordinates than he ever had under the old system, which gave no such incentive to keen rivalry in preparation, and in performance of duties, as the present plan of appointment, and promotion, for merit. A new edition of the Civil Service rules has been prepared for use in New York.

To enable the Supreme Court to catch up with its calendar, on which the business of several years is waiting trial, Congress is to be asked to assign the circuit duties of the Judges to an Intermediate Court, which shall also hear the cases which now go to the Supreme Court. This leaves the Supreme Court the simple function of deciding questions of law on which appeals may be taken from the Intermediate Court.

Mara, who attempted the murder of Alderman McMullen, has been sentenced to six years and nine months' imprisonment, and to pay a fine of $1,000. Mara is probably not much alarmed at the sentence. It isn't the first time that he has been in the Penitentiary for murder. It is possible, however, that Mara may be obliged to remain in prison, now, until the next election occurs in Philadelphia.

At a meeting of the creditors of the Mutual Security Insurance Company, Saturday, it was unanimously resolved that, since Mr. Scammon refused to pay over to the Assignee $40,000 held by him, but belonging to the creditors and policyholders of the Company, Judge Blodgett be requested to authorize Assignee Kimball to take the funds out of Mr. Scammon's Bank, and deposit them in some other "safe and trustworthy National Bank."

It is reported that the Khedive of Egypt is about to turn the great pyramid of Ghizeh into a light house for the benefit of the commerce on the Nile. The practical Khedive can at least claim kinship with the realistic Yankee who so long meditated on the feasibility of utilizing the water-power of Niagara for mill purposes. But how will the Pharaohs and Rameses, and Ptolemys roll over in their graves and agitate their ceroments as they behold the Khedive making light of their monument?

According to the officer in charge of the Signal Service at Boston, the wind during the fire became cyclonic. Beyond the influence of the heat, its velocity was about five or nine miles an hour, but on every side of the fire, there were in-draughts of air moving from sixteen to thirty-five miles an hour, which met and formed huge spirals of wind, flames, and firebrands. He declares the meteors or balls of fire said to have been seen during the conflagration to have been only the reflection of the flames on the plumage of ducks flying overhead.

The Sunday issue of THE TRIBUNE presented a record of the work that has been accomplished in the way of rebuilding the church edifices that were destroyed by the fire. The record is one that does credit at once to the liberality of the churches of other cities, the energy of our clergymen, and the enterprise of our various congregations. Though the residents of the North Division of the city suffered most severely, with all the churches destroyed, and the congregations widely scattered, those people have been among the first to rebuild their places of worship. The Catholic churches were the largest sufferers among all the denominations, losing many of their charitable institutions, as well as seven of their most important church edifices. All the Catholic societies, however, are making vigorous and successful efforts at re-establishment. Universalist, Episcopal, Unitarian, Presbyterian, and Methodist have met upon common ground in their determination to render Chicago more than ever a rival to the title of the "City of Churches."

The German Government, fearing that the continuous emigration from that country may have the effect to diminish the arms-bearing population, and thereby seriously affect the prosperity of the Empire, has issued a decree forbidding the railroads to transport emigrants and their baggage at low rates. The great rush from the Empire to the United States has become a serious matter, and probably not deeming it policy to issue a decree forbidding emigration altogether, the Government has done the next best thing by making emigration so expensive that it will be practically impossible. It is not unlikely, however, that the Government may find itself checked in this direction by the additional funds which will find their way to emigrants from their friends in this country.

The Comptroller of the Currency thinks that the act of Congress withdrawing $25,000,000 of currency from the East and redistributing it South and West should be repealed, as it cannot be enforced. He recommends, instead, the issue of $5,000,000 annually for the next five years, to be apportioned among States in need of it. No change should be made, he thinks in, the law of bank reserves; all usury laws applicable to the National Banks should be repealed. The net earnings of National Banks on capital and surplus are rated at 10 per cent, dividends at less than 4½ per cent, a year. Three hundred and forty-two millions of dollars of currency are in circulation and $12,000,000 are promised to banks now organizing.

Charles Francis Adams, Jr., has addressed a communication to the Boston *Advertiser*, pleading for the preservation of some monument of the recent fire in that city, and suggests that the west side of the new Post Office building should be allowed to stand for all time, just as it is with the scars of the fire on it. He says: "It is very easy to destroy such a landmark as this, and to give us in its place a smooth, unblemished granite front; it will be, hereafter, impossible to replace it. The monument to the fire of London is all very well, but it would be more interesting to-day if the sight-seer could look on the very walls of some great public building which still bore on them the marks of the flames. A great misfortune has made a monument out of a new building,—will it not be a great pity to carefully efface the inscription." Chicago has just such a monument now standing, commemorating even a greater event than that of Boston. We refer to the west wall of the old Post Office, on Monroe street, which is scarred all over with the souvenire of the fire. Why not let it stand as it is, a monument for all future time? A few years hence it will have more interest, and possess more significance, than all the commemorative monuments that can be erected.

Three Parisian newspapers have come to grief within a few weeks for transcending the privileges allotted to them by the censorship of the press, established by the Thiers Government. The *Paris-Journal*, which some time since was compelled by the Germans to omit the narration of the battle of Jena, and comparison of the entry of the French into Berlin with that of the Prussians into Paris, has now been warned by the French Government not to bring out a Girondist number, in which it proposed to print biographies, with portraits, of the principal Girondist leaders. *La Republique Francais*, after publishing an article on the Imperialist character of General de Cissey's staff, received orders to stop. Lastly, *La Vie Parisienne* was seized, a few weeks since, for publishing a story by M. Ernest Feydeau. It must be a matter of extreme perplexity for a French editor to decide what he can print in the midst of such conflicting opinions and constant changes of sentiment as mark the administration of the Thiers Government. As long as Frenchmen have opinions, and so many of them—a new opinion for every day in the week—newspaper business in France must prove a delightfully uncertain style of business.

The Chicago produce markets were rather less active on Saturday, and the majority were dull and easier. Mess pork was quiet but firm, at $13.00@13.50 cash; $12.50 seller December; and $12.50@12.62½ seller March. Lard was active, but easier, at 7½c cash, 7¾@7⅞c seller December, and 7⅞c seller March. Meats were in fair demand, and steady at 4½c for shoulders; 6⅝c for short ribs, and 6⅞@6⅞c for short clear, all part salted. Sweet pickled hams 9¼@10¾c. Highwines were steady at 89c per gallon. Lake freights were dull, and nominally unchanged, at 11c for wheat, and 12c for corn, by sail to Buffalo. Flour was quiet and firm. Wheat was less active, and 1⅜c lower, closing firmer at $1.10¾ cash; $1.10¾ seller December, and $1.10¾ seller January. Corn was dull and ⅜c lower, closing firmer at 32c seller the month, and 31⅝c seller December. Oats were quiet, but a shade firmer, at 23¼c seller the month, and 23¼@23⅜c seller December. Rye was quiet, and a shade firmer at 55½@55¾c. Barley was dull and 2c lower, closing at 62c for No. 2; 60c for do seller the month, and 50c for No. 3. The hog market was active at about Friday's prices, with sales at $4.10@4.40 for good to choice. The cattle and sheep markets ruled quiet and unchanged.

A trial trip of self-propelling cars on the street railroads was made, on Thursday last, in New York City, which resulted successfully. The trial was made on Bleecker street, because of its exceedingly tortuous nature, but the car turned the curves and switches, crossed the intersecting streets, and ascended the up grades without any slackening of speed, and only jumped the track once, where a curve was more than ordinarily abrupt, owing to the overcrowding of the rear platform. The car which was used was one of the Remington pattern. The car is, in all respects, like one of the ordinary ones, except that the boiler occupies the usual position of the front door. The boiler is twenty-six inches in diameter, and four and one-half feet in height, and is so constructed as to consume all the smoke which is produced after the fire is once kindled. It is jacketed, felted, and covered with Russia sheet-iron, and, outside of all, is a overing of ash lined with tin, so that the heat of the boiler does not affect the car. There are two cylinders of twelve-inch stroke, one five inches in diameter, and the other eight inches. The engine is one of five-horse power, which, in an emergency, can be increased to twenty-horse power for a short time. This week a trial is to be made of the Langdon car, which has a boiler at both ends, so that the car can go in either direction with equal facility. The owners of the Remington car claim that their running expense is but $10 per day, using, on an average, 300 pounds of coal, while $16 is a fair average for a car with horses.

THE CORNER IN NORTHWESTERN.

How much can be accomplished by the financial operation known as a "corner," has never been so clearly illustrated as by the comparison of the Northwestern common stock, which sold as high as 230 on Wall street, last Saturday, and Northwestern preferred stock, which remained at 87a. The common stock of the Northwestern Railroad has been buffeted about for a year or more, all the efforts of the controlling interest in the railroad having been centralized upon the maintenance of the preferred stock at good and steady prices. Yet a successful bull movement has enabled the manipulators to force a fictitious value of 230 upon a stock the actual value of which is much less than that of the preferred issue, which is still selling as low as 87 cents. This comparison leads to the conclusion that the corner in Northwestern is perfectly successful, fully assured by the reported control which the bulls have over the market, holding calls for more than the entire capital stock of the corporation. The origin of the movement is stated in New York to have been in certain difficulties between Jay Gould and Henry N. Smith, formerly joint members of the firm of Gould, Smith, Martin & Co. Gould was determined to punish Smith, and Smith equally determined to punish Gould, for mutual betrayal in an effort to punish Daniel Drew. Northwestern common stock was selected as the battle-field, because it was in a partially abandoned condition, which would assure a free fight and a fair one. The result has been that Gould came out the uppermost, and Smith the undermost, dog in the fight. This is one explanation of the movement, but there is another which is just as plausible. It is said that there has been a clashing of interests in the ownership of the Northwestern Railroad for some time past. The Vanderbilt party and the Tracy party have been at loggerheads, and it is reasonable to assume that the corner is as much the result of this difference as it is of the personal squabbles of Messrs. Gould and Smith. It is represented that Mr. Tracy, though President of the road and controlling its management, has been on the "short" side, and the successful result of the corner, in which Commodore Vanderbilt has been the prime mover, must be regarded as a victory for the latter.

Though the effect of corners upon the public morals is pretty much the same in all cases, we can contemplate a corner in stocks with less apprehension than a corner in grain. There is nothing like the same amount of innocent suffering in the former case. The prominent railroad stocks, as a rule, are owned by speculators, and their operations, while they may effect the public interest by temporary disturbance of the money market, do not parcel out the ultimate losses among small stockholders, as a grain corner divides its real damages among the farmers. If there are any innocent stockholders, they have an excellent opportunity to unload at large prices, which cannot be done in the matter of grain, where farmers encounter the obstacles of delivery, and send off their products at a price in which there is a profit—only to reach a market by the time the price has reacted below cost of production.

The results of the present corner in Northwestern stock will be even less a subject for regret than usual, because it promises the punishment of the former corrupt management of the Erie Railroad, and the return to the road of a large amount of the moneys of which it has been defrauded. Mr. P. H. Watson, at present President of the Erie Road, has obtained sufficient evidence of the former frauds upon which to base an action for recovery of the stolen funds. The defeat of Smith, in the present corner, has induced him to furnish information concerning the manner in which his former partner Gould kept his individual account and the account of the Erie Railroad. Without entering into the details of this information, the general result was that all profitable speculations were placed to Mr. Gould's account, and all losing speculations were placed to the account of the Erie Company. It is intimated that about $9,000,000 can be traced on the books of Smith, Gould, Martin & Co., which were thus stolen from the Erie Road. It is also alleged that Mr. Gould has made nearly this amount of money in his recent Northwestern operations. If this latter statement be true, the present stock corner will be beneficial in not only furnishing the evidence of Gould's guilt, but the money with which to repay Erie for its losses.

There is an apprehension lest the suit against Gould will fail, as he may secure Smith's silence by an easy settlement of the latter's losses on his "short" stock. Such an apprehension would be well-founded if the suit depended upon Mr. Smith, but it does not. Mr. Watson, the President of Erie, has not brought this suit without having possessed himself of complete evidence from the books of Smith, Gould, Martin & Co. If so, the reconciliation of Mr. Smith would not be enough to insure Gould's escape. Mr. Watson will still prosecute the suit, and the public will hope that, with the evidence he has collected, he will be successful. The recovery of so large an amount of the Fisk-Gould stealings would enable the road to effect its change of gauge without drawing upon its present resources. A still better result, however, would be the re-establishment of foreign confidence in American railroad stocks which the iniquities of former Erie management had so largely destroyed.

THE LAW OF NEW TRIALS.

In a recent article under the above caption, we raised the point that the errors for which appellate Criminal Courts in this and other States generally grant new trials are not of a character which raise any doubt in the minds of the Court as to the guilt of the prisoner. We suggested that "it would greatly lessen the number of rehearings in criminal cases if the Supreme Court, in granting a new trial, should be required by statute to certify not only that there were errors, but that, through them, practical injustice was done to the prisoner, and that there is not in the portion of the evidence unaffected by these errors, indubitable evidence of the prisoner's guilt." We suggested that "common sense and justice suggest that the Supreme Court, when it refers a prisoner back for a new trial, shall certify that the error for which they do so is material, and such as to bring reasonable doubt in their minds as to the guilt of the prisoner." We acknowledged that this would be transferring to the appellate Court the decision, in part and after a jury, of the question of guilt or innocence, but we urged that it should be done, nevertheless. To these suggestions we have received from the State's Attorney the following reply:

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: In an elaborate and vigorous editorial in your paper of this morning, under the heading, "The Law of New Trials," you very properly suggest that an appellate Court should not grant a new trial unless on some question which relates to the guilt of the accused as shown by the evidence. There is a statute of this State upon that point, and it has been in force since 1845. It can be found on Page 200 (Section 163) of Gross' Statutes, or Page 181 (Section 163) of the Revised Statutes of 1845. That section reads thus:

"All exceptions which go merely to the form of an indictment shall be made before trial; *and no motion in arrest of judgment, or writ of error, shall be sustained for any matter not affecting the real merits of the offence charged in such indictment.*"

All appeals to the Supreme Court in criminal cases must be taken by a writ of error. This statute says no such writ of error shall be sustained, unless for some matter affecting the real merits of the offence. The "*real merits*" clearly means the guilt or innocence of the accused, as shown by the evidence. It can mean nothing else. Yours, etc., CHARLES H. REED,
State's Attorney.

The statute aims to remedy the evil we have referred to, and its authors, in framing it, doubtless, had in view the same tendencies of appellate Courts to grant rehearings to an extent that defeated justice. The statute, however, is indefinite in its language, and experience proves it to be inoperative and inefficient. It does not come directly to the point of requiring the Supreme Court to say that they doubt the prisoner's guilt. We fail to see in the statute cited by Mr. Reed that the intent of our suggestion has yet been embodied into law, nor do we perceive in the administration of justice in our State that our Courts have given to the statute referred to a construction broad enough to remedy the evil.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ALABAMA CLAIMS.

It will be acknowledged on all sides that the proceedings of the Joint High Commission, and the subsequent preliminary negotiations between the English and United States Commissioners, the cases and counter-cases, and the almost interminable diplomatic correspondence, which had to be endured by an afflicted community before the Board of Arbitration could settle down to its work at Geneva, were sufficiently complicated and exasperating, and that the complication was not any the more tolerable for the manner in which diplomats and lawyers' clerks helped to still further muddle it. In view of these facts, there was a general expression of relief and satisfaction when it was announced that the Geneva Arbitrators had made an award in favor of the United States. It was then hoped that the country had heard the last of the Alabama claims business; but the question is once more beginning to rise to the surface, and as usual wears a troublesome aspect. Having obtained the award, how shall the money be distributed? The gross sum awarded by the Geneva Arbitrators will be paid within the year, with interest, to the Government of the United States, as a settlement in full for all damages, national or individual, growing out of the depredations of the Anglo-Confederate cruisers, and will, it is presumed, be held as a trust fund to be distributed among the interested parties conformably with the spirit of the award and the stipulations of the Treaty of Washington. This is apparently a simple proposition—nothing easier of fulfilment—and yet it is already surrounded with grave difficulties, and intricate questions are looming up in connection with the distribution. The attorneys and claim agents have already scented the prey, and are gathering in force to help divide and distribute, and those unlucky individuals who are directly interested in the money are beginning to grow alarmed. One of this number has already addressed an anxious note to Hon. Caleb Cushing, asking for advice, and Mr. Cushing has replied quite extensively thereto. He asserts that there is no similarity between the Alabama claims and the French Spoliation claims. In the former case, the United States will have a definite sum paid over to it, and has also schedules and estimates of the individual losses, to indemnify which the awards were made by the Geneva Tribunal, and that it is incumbent upon the Government to make the payments with as much promptness and certainty as it would exhibit in paying its gold bonds. As Congress will have to decide as to the manner of distributing the money, Mr. Cushing conjectures that a Board of Assessors will be appointed, to receive and pass upon the claims, whose duty it will be to establish the valuation of property and the question of ownership. In consideration of these points, he advises his correspondent not to sacrifice his claims by sale nor by transactions in the nature of contingent-agency compensation, but to employ counsel before the Board to take charge of his interests.

This is very encouraging advice, *prima facie*, to the holder of an Alabama claim, and perhaps would be satisfactory if it were possible to keep away the vultures which are gathering from all quarters to help eat up the spoils. The nation was a loser by the depredations of the cruisers as well as individuals, both directly and indirectly, and the Government has never been mean in its estimate, especially of the consequential losses. In fact, the amount which Mr. Bancroft Davis calculated, and the Board of Arbitrators incontinently threw out, was enough to have paid off the National debt, and then supported the Government for a long time to come on what was left. Again; the Government was put to the expense, in the first place, of entertaining the Joint High Commission, and it was a costly affair. Proverbially expensive as all Commissions are in the matter of entertainment, the Joint High Commission was probably the most expensive we have ever had. Our legal representatives must have run up a handsome bill of expenses incurred in "the case." When we remember the frightful amount of diplomatic telegraphy necessary to correct blunders, which was carried on between the two countries, we can easily imagine what an amount this item alone will show. Finally, the United States had to disburse a large sum for the arbitration expenses at Geneva. Admit, therefore, that Congress shall decide the Government must be reimbursed for its losses and expenses in the premises, how much will be left for the Alabama sufferers? But these are not the only deductions which threaten the claims. Some nice questions must arise with regard to insurance, and these have already been hinted at in the Washington despatches. These questions are interesting and complicated enough to keep the insurers and insured in the Courts for a long time, with the possibility of a decision that the money doesn't belong to either of them, if there happens to be any of the money left by that time. There will be nice questions to decide whether the policies were issued with reference to a claim upon any future award, or simply upon the basis of the war premiums; whether the insured assigned their interests in such an award to the insurers; and if the insurers received compensations in the war premiums, and the insured in the payment of their policies; whether either of them have suffered from the depredations from the Alabama and other cruisers, and whether, therefore, either of them are entitled to any money; and, if not, who is entitled to it? By the time all these questions are settled, how much of the Alabama award will be left for distribution? Meanwhile, a very respectable lobby of attorneys, financial and claim agents, and speculators in general, is in process of formation to operate upon members of Congress, and a scramble may be expected. Fifteen million and a half of dollars to be distributed by Congress is no small amount of money, especially when that sum is in coin. It is a golden opportunity, such as the lobby has not had for a long time. It would be hardly creditable to its well-known energy, enterprise, and endurance, to doubt that it will make a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull altogether, to get its fingers into the handsome pile of English gold which John Bull is about to send over here, as the penalty for his attempt to help the Lost Cause.

STEAMBOAT INSPECTIONS.

The report of the Supervising Inspector General of the Steamboat Inspection Service has been submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, and an abstract of it has already appeared in the columns of THE TRIBUNE. The full report is now before us, and is remarkable in two different ways. First, it submits a tabulated statement of the losses of life and property occasioned by casualties during the year 1871, from which it appears that there have been 65 casualties, $3,600,661 worth of property destroyed, and 363 lives lost, and then gives the leading facts connected with the loss of the Oceanus, Bristol, Bienville, Dean Richmond, Metis, and Missouri-Second, with these gloomy facts before him, the Steamboat Inspector fails to suggest any practical plan by which casualties may be avoided hereafter, but mourns that, owing to the failure to make exhaustive investigations, much valuable information has been lost. It seems to be the theory of the Steamboat Inspector and of all other persons interested in steamboats, that, as soon as an investigation is held, then the responsibility ends, and that investigations are instituted simply to elicit information and afford experts an opportunity to air their scientific knowledge. The travelling public, on the other hand, believe that investigations should both supply remedies and enforce penalties through the application of the law. A prompt and thorough punishment of incapacity or carelessness would do more to prevent steamboat casualties than all the learned investigations which may be held for a century to come.

SILK IN CALIFORNIA.

The California papers speak in a very encouraging manner of the condition and prospects of the silk industry in that State, and the *Alta* announces that it has received an impetus, within a year, which promises the speedy erection of factories for the manufacture of this material. One such factory, on a small scale, has already been established, in San Francisco, by three practical silk manufacturers from Lyons, France, which is the silk market of the world. They have two looms at work, one of which makes taffetas and the other foulard silks. They express themselves as confident that California possesses all the advantages which the most sanguine could desire for the manufacture of silk, and that it will pay larger profits than any other investment. More than $40,000,000 worth of manufactured silks are purchased annually in the United States, in addition to the commoner varieties produced here. California also possesses a great advantage in being able to produce three crops a year, while France produces but two.

SOCIAL PROTECTION IN FRANCE.

In contemplating the evidences of instability which the National Government of France is giving the world just now, it is a simple matter of justice, and, perhaps, a useful lesson, to remember that France, under all its Governments, has guaranteed a peculiar kind of personal freedom, as distinguished from political rights, which exists nowhere else in the same degree. The guarantee is found in the thoroughness of what may be called a general police system, and it is equally practicable under Monarchy, the Empire, or the Republic. This personal liberty consists of the protection that is given to every citizen to enjoy personal rights, and pursue personal preferences, to the full extent, so long as they do not bring about any infringement upon the rights of others. It is, of course, a guarantee against encroachments from all sides. The idea of personal freedom among us is generally construed to be the privilege of pursuing personal preferences whether they interfere with the rights of the people or not. There may be an ultimate remedy in law in such cases where actual damage can be proved, frequently at a greater expense than profit, but the customs that are tolerated render a thousand petty annoyances possible, which are not less uncomfortable because there is no relief prescribed for them. The constant abuses that are tolerated on railroads and steamboats; the advantages which hotel men so frequently take to browbeat their guests; the tyranny that the street-car conductor exercises over his helpless passengers; the social surveillance to which every man and woman are subjected upon moving into a new neighborhood; the use of power which the man who rides exercises to see how near he can come to running over the man who walks without actually doing it; the physical despotism which the big-fisted man, under the temporary stimulant of bad whiskey, asserts over anybody who is guilty of the inexcusable crime of wearing a white shirt; the autocratic imposition of the hack-driver; the sovereign right of artisans to disappoint their employers at their own sweet will,—these, and a hundred other royal American privileges, constitute what is called personal freedom by the man who proclaims himself an "American citizen."

The customs of France are careful to champion the weaker side in these innumerable strifes for the privilege of doing as one pleases to the detriment or inconvenience of one's neighbor. A writer who has begun a series of articles on French Scenes, Customs and Characters in the November *Galaxy*, furnishes some incidents of actual occurrence that illustrate this general idea of personal liberty in France. He describes a trip by steamboat on the Rhone, between Avignon and Lyons, the hour of starting having been in the obscure atmosphere of early morning. In the darkness and confusion, some trunks had been left behind, among them those of the American tourists. The accident enforced the delay of one day at Lyons, and the expense of forwarding the baggage. A Frenchman set the example; a *procès verbal* was immediately instituted before a *juge de paix*; in less than an hour the whole affair was adjusted. Thirty people were paid on the spot an adjudged indemnity for hotel bills and cost of transporting the missing trunks. It is needless to describe to American readers the circumlocution, cost, and time that would be required to secure similar justice from an American railroad or steamboat. Every one can picture the contrast for himself. Another instance was that of engaging an apartment which turned out to be much less desirable than it was represented. Though the contract was all signed and sealed, a timely Frenchman came to the relief of the down-cast American occupant with the information that it was his privilege to cancel the contract and vacate the room within twenty-four hours from the time of taking possession, if it should not suit him. Still another was the reimbursement of 75 centimes, about 15 cents, from the General Post Office in a seriously-complicated case of over-charging. These are small things, but the comforts of life are made of trifles. "*Magna Dei curant, parva negligunt.*" To the observations and experiences of this single tourist might be added a useful schedule of instances in which every individual in France can claim a quick and absolute protection against the numerous encroachments, physical and social, which are so seriously felt under our ideas of personal freedom. In the public conveyances, in the public streets, in places of public amusement, in lodging-houses, in society, there is a system of respect for individual rights not to be found in America. The polite attention and consideration in these matters are regarded as customs of the country, but back of the customs may be found a reason for them in the excellent regulations of the municipal and local governments. If foreigners sometimes fail to enjoy the protection of personal freedom thus described, it is simply because they are ignorant of the regulations that guarantee it, and neglect to inform themselves of the customs of the country.

THE CHINESE AND ENGLAND.

There is a growing jealousy in England of the amicable relations existing between the United States and Germany which has not been lessened by the recent decision of the Emperor William in the San Juan boundary controversy. A new trouble has now arisen which is also commented upon by several of the English papers rather severely, growing out of some statements made by the Hong-Kong correspondent of the Cologne *Gazette*. This correspondent relates that the Chinese place Germany in the highest rank of nations, as it has never landed a soldier on Chinese soil, and the Americans come next, while the English and French are bitterly unpopular for the manner in which they have invaded the country and bombarded its cities. The correspondent concludes his letter by urging Germany and the United States to act together, hereafter, on all Asiatic questions, and says:

Now is the time to lay the foundation for great results in the future, for it is on these waters and on this neutral Asiatic territory that the conflict between America and England for the predominance on the seas will be fought out. The struggle will not be so warm either on the Thames or the Hudson as in Eastern Asia; and in another five-and-twenty years the centre of gravity of the United States will rather be on the Pacific than on the Atlantic. The sympathies and the interests of Germany, under such circumstances, clearly point to an understanding with America. Washington now seeks an alliance with Berlin, in view of future contingencies, and both should place their affairs in very efficient hands in view of the approaching struggle against England and Russia.

This is what has disturbed the equanimity of John Bull; but how can we help it? If the heathen Chinee takes a fancy to us, it is not of our seeking, particularly. If, furthermore, he is inclined to affiliate with the German, we do not know that it is particularly of the latter's seeking. And if, finally, he chooses the companionship of the two together, we do not know why England should grumble at him.

The liberal exercise of the pardoning power in Pennsylvania has rather overstepped the boundaries of even political necessity. One Mulholland, who nearly killed a Police Captain, was released on bail, which he forfeited, and ran away. When his bondsman was prosecuted, Governor Geary issued a pardon, though the criminal had not even been tried. Subsequent investigation has proved that the petition on which the granting of the pardon was based was largely made up of forged signatures. Meanwhile Mulholland, the pardoned criminal, has returned to Philadelphia, and may yet complete the murder of the Police Captain, who recovered from the first assault.

POLITICAL.

The figures published as the result of the Illinois election are:

Liberal.		Republican.		Maj.
Pres.....Greeley	184,770	Grant	241,248	56,478
Cong	184,413		240,145	48,088
Gov.....Koerner	187,084	Oglesby	237,774	45,690
Lt. G.....Black	186,767	Beveridge	235,111	48,324
Sec.....Rummel	182,498	Hasbrouck	241,638	47,948
Aud.....O'Hara	182,708	Lippincott	241,488	48,780
Treas.....Lanphier	181,808	Butz	242,588	60,880
Att. G.....Eustace	181,897	Edsall	240,721	58,824

—The Hon. Elihu B. Washburne has visited Illinois, and is greeted in this style by the Republican press. We quote from the Cambridge *Chronicle*:

If Mr. Washburne should make an effort to secure that position (the Senatorship) for himself, or even consent to be a candidate, under present circumstances, he would do a very unprofitable thing; and, if the Legislature should elect him, it would commit an act of base ingratitude, and outrage the Republican party of the State.

—All the Oglesby papers join in nominating Shelby M. Cullom, of Springfield, for Speaker in the Legislature.

—Grant's majority in California runs to 13,389, but the Republican net majority on Congress is only 2,839.

—The Constitutional Amendments voted upon in Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota appear to have been rejected. Michigan refuses to pay her Judges better salaries (now $1,000 to $1,500), or even to have fewer Judges; Wisconsin refuses to add two Justices to her Supreme Court; and Minnesota refuses to appropriate $250,000 for better public buildings.

—The vote of Virginia is 35,000 less than in the election of Governor, 1869,—the only previous test of parties since the war; and 23,000 of the loss falls on the Greeley side. The Richmond *Whig* says:

In the County of Augusta alone, there were enough Conservative absentees to change the vote of the State.

—One man elected to the Kansas Legislature wishes to be classified alone as "a Democrat elected through the efforts of prominent men in the Republican party."

—Senator Pomeroy is playing his usual tactics to divide and conquer the opposing forces. The Kansas mind is discussing the Senatorial prospect between Pomeroy on one side, and, on the other, Governor Harvey, Judge Lowe, Colonel Phillips, Governor Green, N. C. McFarland, President McVicker, T. D. Thacher, I. S. Kalloch, John J. Ingals, Judge Price, of Atchison, Judge Morton, Captain Henry King, and Ben. Simpson.

—To appreciate Congressman Cotton's re-election, in Iowa, by 184 majority, it must be borne in mind that Grant's majority in the same counties was over 5,000.

—The Kansas Legislature will abolish the Insurance Department, because Commissioner Webb (a Liberal) can be ousted in no other way.

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CHICAGO AND CINCINNATI.

The New "Kankakee Line," Its Projectors, and Its Great Success as a Passenger and Freight Route.

As the new line recently opened between Chicago and Cincinnati, known as the Kankakee Line, is attracting so much attention on the part of travellers and shippers, perhaps a short history would be of interest to our readers. The Indianapolis, Cincinnati & Lafayette Railroad, extending from Cincinnati to Lafayette, a distance of 179 miles, is too well known to need much comment, but as the line from Lafayette to Kankakee, a distance of 75 miles, is the only important link that joins these two great cities, Cincinnati and Chicago, together, we will treat of them principally in the article.

For several years the owners of a large tract of land in Benton County, just west of Lafayette, have had a standing offer to grade, bridge, and tie ten miles of road through their land, to any Company that would build a road through this rich country, and give them an outlet. The proposition having remained open several years, the gentlemen themselves, Messrs. Adams, Ray, and M. Fowler, of Lafayette, owners of this land tract, finally concluded to take the matter into their own hands and build the road, in connection with Gustavus Ricker, Esq., of New York. A road was undertaken and built within the year from Lafayette to St. Anne, a distance of 65 miles, and thoroughly equipped and put in first class order. As there has never been a through line between Chicago and Cincinnati that answered the requirements of the public, these gentlemen concluded to extend their line a distance of eleven miles—from St. Anne to Kankakee—and there forming a junction with the Illinois Central, one of the best railroads in the West, supply the missing link between Chicago and Cincinnati, thus making the best through line that has ever been opened. With their usual goaheadativeness, in this as in all other undertakings of theirs, the eleven-mile track, although not a rail was laid the first day of August, was put through and completed, and fast trains put on, on the 28th day of August—twenty-one working days from the day the first spike was driven. As soon as the eleven miles link was completed, arrangements were immediately made with the Indianapolis, Cincinnati & Lafayette and the Illinois Central Railroads for a through passenger and freight line between Chicago and Cincinnati that should eclipse anything of the kind ever before undertaken; and, to show how successful this scheme has been, we can safely say that a large part of the freight and passenger business between these two cities is done by this line, and all who have tried it pronounce the new line a big success in every particular. Passenger trains are run between Chicago and Cincinnati without change of cars, and with but one change of conductors (at Lafayette), making the best time ever undertaken—the time from Chicago to Lafayette being but four hours and fifty minutes, and to Indianapolis but seven hours, and to Cincinnati but twelve hours; and contrary to the old rule, this line do as they advertise, and make their time. The time on freight is all that can be desired, being from twelve hours from Chicago to Lafayette, twenty hours to Indianapolis, and thirty hours to Cincinnati. Too much cannot be said in this connection in favor of the energy and enterprise of the three gentlemen above named, to whom Chicago and Cincinnati owe so much, and who have fairly earned the glory their achievement merits.

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A Card to the Public:

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GEO. L. FOX,
And entire Company now at Aiken's Theatre.

Carbonic Acid as a Fire-Extinguisher.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

The Mayor's message relative to additional police protection in your city seems to have been a trap for discussion in the Council on Friday evening, and I observe that one of the Aldermen is reported as saying that, "As for the books, they were useless, and the people laughed at the idea of buying them."

Having witnessed several tests of the Babcock Extinguishers and Engines, that were certainly markably successful in performing all that claimed for them, I had arrived at a very ferent conclusion as to the utility of these machines. Since, however, an Alderman has expressed such an opinion, I have examined the school-books, to see what is said in them about carbonic acid,—the extinguishing agent generated and used in these machines,—and would most respectfully refer that gentleman, or any other one disposed to investigate the subject, to Wells' Principles of Chemistry," pp. 290, 291; also "Youman's New Chemistry," p. 218, sec. 309, quote: "Carbonic acid is not inflammable, and extinguishes the flame of burning bodies, even when largely diluted with air, for a candle will not burn in a mixture of four volumes of atmospheric air and one of carbonic acid." Again: "This property of carbonic acid has been practically applied for the extinguishment of fires in coal-mines, by means of a stream of carbonic acid, generated by passing through a furnace of lime, being blown into the mine until all its passages were filled with it, and the combustion arrested. In this way, a coal-mine in England, which had been on fire for thirty years, and had extended over twenty-six acres, was extinguished in 1861. About 8,000,000 cubic feet of gas was required to fill the mine, and a continuing supply of impure carbonic acid was forced in by the agency of a steam-jet, day and night, for nearly three weeks. The difficulty lay, not so much in putting out the fire, as in cooling down the ignited mass so that it should not again burst into flame on the admission of air; and, in order to effect this, a necessary reduction in temperature, water was blown in along with the carbonic acid, in the form of a fine spray, or mist. Subsequently, when mixed with the spray was thrown in, for a month from the commencement of the operations, the fire was found to be completely extinguished."

I have thus quoted at length the incident which has occurred to me that the incident which I have quoted at length is of sufficient interest to the public at this time to be worthy of reproduction in the newspapers, and hence I have taken the trouble to send you a copy, which I trust you may regard as worthy a place in your columns.

It seems to me that, in this age of progress, inventors of the public weal can hardly afford to sigh at scientific discoveries. W.

CHICAGO, Nov. 22, 1872.

Bank Suspension.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 24.—The Union Bank Marietta, Ohio, has suspended payment. It is understood here that this is the result of complications growing out of the suspension of the W. Ritter, announced yesterday morning.

THE STUDIOS.

No Place Like Home for Chicago Artists.

The Wanderers Returning and Resuming Their Places.

A Visit to the Studios—Some of the New Productions.

"There's no place like home, though that home be the burnt district, and though the members of the family be scattered to the four winds of heaven. Be it never so homely, and be the prospects never so gloomy, Chicago offers to her sons a welcome which no other city can give them. So well testify the artists whose studios were so remorselessly devoured, and whose works of art were not respected by the fiery tongues which spared neither sand-stone nor canvas, palette nor shanty. Their experience was not a cheerful one, nor one calculated to fan in them with that cosmopolitan indifference to their locality which true artists should always be made to feel. Chicago, a year ago, was no place for the limners and sculptors, for the patrons of art were prostrated in pocket, and the love of beauty was of no importance compared with domestic needs. With their studios reduced to ashes, their materials gone, their patrons shivering for the bare necessities of existence, the poor artists found that Chicago was no place for them. They saw no hope of subsistence here, and emigrated. Our sister cities were willing, even anxious to do all they could for the sufferers by the fire on the grounds of a common humanity, but while whole-hearted and generous, many of them were unappreciative of art. Thus the artists who tried Cincinnati, St. Louis, Baltimore, and Boston, found themselves isolated, their talents undiscovered, their labors unrewarded. Many of them were driven hence without a dollar, and these poor fellows were in sorry plight. Conservative St. Louis had her own fraternity of artists, and those who were forced to seek in that city a bare subsistence, soon discovered that they were regarded as interlopers, and that their genius, if they had any, were not of an order to find sympathy with the lovers of the beautiful in the capital of Missouri. There were several who tried their fortunes there, but not one found a word or an order to encourage them. They believed in Chicago, were of Chicago, longed for Chicago, as the Jews for Jerusalem restored, and were unacceptable. The same spirit was evinced in the other cities, and one by one they drifted back again to the city of their adoption. Their welcome here was warm, warmer even than their fiery dismissal. One or two of them returned to find an impromptu ovation awaiting them. One artist, a portrait painter, who had passed a dreary winter in St. Louis, obtained half a dozen orders within three days after his return. Others met with varying success. All concluded that "they would no longer roam," for here, if anywhere, they were known, and here, if anywhere, their efforts would meet with appreciation.

The first healthy symptom of recovery in the taste for art was observable in the effort made by the members of the Academy of Design to re-establish that shattered institution. A meeting of the artists composing it was held last Thursday, and a new impetus given to the work by the determination of the members to base it in the future, not upon the ambitions of a few, but upon the material wealth and reputation of the city. To this end they determined to elect a Board of Trustees, composed of citizens distinguished for their wealth, their public spirit and their integrity, who should control the finances of the institution, and whose social status should be a guarantee of the standing of the Academy. The Trustees were elected upon certain conditions, one of them being that they should be chosen from among those who believed that Art was more than a general term, and that its beauties were not mere day dreams. They were to be men who recognized the æsthetic element in men and society, and were anxious to encourage its development. They were to contribute to the finances of the Academy, and, by their influence, to encourage others to do so and do likewise."

Their names were to state to the public that the Academy was a thing of reality, for the encouragement of art, and not for the emolument of adventurers, and that such substantial assistance as might be rendered would go toward the development of such æsthetic taste as the city possessed. The Academy chose the following trustees: George C. Walker, W. E. Doge, S. M. Nickerson, Potter Palmer, W. H. Howard, N. K. Fairbank, Mark Skinner, Franklin McVeagh, Henry W. King, and L. Z. Leiter. The election of these gentlemen was a fair indication that the members of the Academy meant business, and there is little doubt but what of the Board, if not all, will gladly accept the position and contribute toward the fostering of art in Chicago. They have not been asked from yet, and their acceptance or declination is yet a matter of doubt. Until it is finally determined, no further steps can be taken by the Academy.

As a rule, the artists are not very busy. The frugality of the money market at present affects them as well as every one else, but they are all doing something, and many of them with several vigor and promise of good work in the future.

Among the most important productions of the time, may be mentioned a painting by Elkins, of Santa Bute, a picturesque piece of California scenery. The painting is of large size, and the subject one calculated to awake the genius of the artist. He has chosen to paint the place in the varied light of a California afternoon in the upland districts, thus giving him an opportunity to introduce the striking, almost magic light effects observable in mountainous regions, and especially striking in the pure atmosphere of California. The result is eminently artistic. The sun is hidden from the eye by a range of clouds, but the full glare is thrown upon the peak of the mountain, the range of hills beyond lying in deep shadow. The base of the mountain is enveloped in a mysterious haze, while the valley in the foreground is rich with colors of California landscape. There is a beauty visible in the vast field before the eye, the solitary column of smoke of the most delightful kind, where some Indian camp fire has been built. Near the bank of the stream a solitary deer has drawn his canoe up under a rock, and is peacefully sleeping. Beyond the suggestions of human presence, there is none. A perfect stillness pervades everything. This picture has engrossed Mr. Elkins' time for more than a year, and is scarcely completed yet. A few touches are needed to perfect it, and those who have seen it have expressed a high admiration of it. It differs materially from any of this artist's productions heretofore, and may be regarded as the best thing he has as yet produced.

Mr. Drury, on West Madison street, between Green and Peoria, has on hand three or four things which are so far advanced as to give an idea of the artist's idea. One of these is a picture which the artist intends calling "Sailing Hay While the Sun Shines." It is set in a rural scene in a hay field. A heavy bank of clouds, threatening a shower, tell the story, and the reader for the hurried sections of the picture, who are busy loading two heavy carts. It is animation and activity, even the horses in the picture participating in the general idea of making the most of it. The painting is not sufficiently advanced to do the faces of the haymakers, but their attitudes are enough. The clouding is successfully done, and the picture promises to be one of the finest.

Another picture, by the same artist, is a quiet sea scene, in strong contrast with the above. Here the most complete antitheses could scarcely be found. It is an order for a West Side gentleman, and though only in its inception, is rapidly followed out.

Another picture, a widely different from the last, is a marine piece. A stranded boat on a rocky shore, in a sky black with masses of cloud, between two banks of which a brilliant ray of light is thrown upon the boat and a massive boulder breaking the sunlight into a line of black shadow, are the salient features. It is such a picture as the majority of people would stop and study without a thought of the artist's genius, full of strong points and yet very meritorious.

"Twelve at Midnight" is the startling name given to a Hammerstad's painting which we have not beheld in this land of the free, but confined to the bold bluffs of Norway and the extreme North. The artist has taken advantage of the summer solstice in a wild and desolate region to produce a picture which arrests the eye immediately, and compels the observer to pause and study. The sunset sun has just sunk to the verge of the horizon, and is hanging suspended in midair, it seems, before he begins his re-ascent. The cold bright light is flung askant upon one of those historic fiords in which Norse geography abounds, and among which were enacted the heroic feats of the heroes of Norse tradition. Great shadows are thrown along the water by bold masses of rock, while two men in a canoe stand up to view the grandeur of the effect upon sea and shore. The picture brings one into the presence of one of those scenes which nature affords to only a chosen few, and by which she appears to be endeavoring to compensate for the long, dreary winters of a northern climate. As a work of art it has been viewed by artists with more than ordinary compliment, and, as a promise of future greatness, it has raised Mr. Hammerstad above some of his more favored associates.

The artist's history is a romantic one. A poor Norwegian shepherd boy, he evinced at an early age a penchant for painting, and a brilliancy of creative power that struck a patron of penniless painters, who recognized in the untutored farm hand the true artist. He procured for his protege the best teachers, and for three years paid for his tuition. The lad studied hard, and rapidly developed his genius, winning from his master the highest commendation. He was studying night and main, and with feverish anxiety, when an obstacle to his future progress appeared in the form of the military regulations of his country. To serve as a soldier for five years was a blow at all his future hopes. To avoid it he expatriated himself, and came to the United States three years ago. He was struggling for recognition when the fire came, swallowed all he had, and drove him to St. Louis. He, like others, discovered that in St. Louis he could find no hope, and again he returned to Chicago, where he is painting assiduously and preparing himself for greater things. Besides the painting noticed, are several others incomplete at present, painted from studies in California and Colorado. The general style is as bold as the crags of the artist's Scandinavian home, but they are not sufficiently advanced as to permit comment.

Going into Phillips' studio, on Van Buren street, duplicate paintings of a face, rarely sweet in expression, attract the eye and fascinate the visitor. The calm features, destitute of color, the exquisite self-containment in the face cannot but hold one. Those who were so fortunate as to know the original recognize at once in this the portrait of the wife of Rev. R. Laird Collier—the best souvenir of that amiable lady that remains excepting the memory which her deeds have left in the hearts of those who knew her. The original painting was executed by the artist from an indifferent photograph of Mrs. Collier, and from his recollection of her face. It was painted for the chapel of the Church of the Messiah, of which mention has been made in THE TRIBUNE. The copy, which can be told from the original only by certain marks intentionally added by the artist, is intended for Mrs. Collier's father, while a third, not yet commenced, is for Mr. Collier.

Portraits of Philo Carpenter and his deceased wife, the former from life, and the latter from a photograph, are also strong likenesses and strong faces. Copies almost without number are ordered.

Phillips is also engaged upon a life-size painting of Scotland's patron saint for the St. Andrew's Society, a subject which the artist has worked on with infinite labor. The martyred saint is impaled upon the traditional diagonal cross. The artist has discarded the conventional planed boards and substituted rough branches. The drapery is that prescribed by the order, and gives the artist little opportunity to indulge the picturesque or graceful. The attitude, however, leaves little to be desired, while the face, the artist's principal study, is strong and characteristic. An old man, fully 70 years of age, St. Andrew's face is adorned with a full grey beard. The countenance expresses a peaceful resignation to suffering, and a piety almost divine. With his right hand he exhorts his followers to steadfastness in the faith, and courage in persecution. In the background the artist has endeavored to idealize the Odawn of Christianity, by a daybreak of unusual splendor. The painting is nearly finished, and will be ready for the new hall in a few days.

Conkey, the sculptor, is busy with orders. Sculpture is not as profitable as painting now-a-days in Chicago, but the time is coming shortly when art will regain the position it held before the fire, and sculptors and painters alike will find their hands full. A pretty little bust of May Stark, a daughter of James L. Stark, ordered before the fire, and nearly finished only to be destroyed, is the sculptor's latest work. The likeness is said to be good. A happy conceit is the finishing of the bust in a festoon of May flowers in full bloom. An equally pretty piece of work is a bust of Eddie Blatchford, well executed.

Pebbles and Pickering, on the West Side, are kept fairly busy painting portraits. The former has a portrait of Mrs. James Walsh deserving of notice, and Pickering several portraits yet lacking the finishing touches. Other artists will receive notice on future occasions.

THE FARM AND GARDEN.

The Price of Farm Products, and the Money Market—The Remedy that Some Wise Ones Propose—What We May Reasonably Expect—The Tenant System.

From Our Agricultural Correspondent.

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Nov. 23, 1872.

The low price of farm-products continues to attract attention, not only among farmers, but all classes of business; for it reaches the pockets of all. The reason for this is the broad fact that the rural population, having a preponderance of numbers, make up the largest number of consumers of the products of the so-called skilled industries; and, when their resources are cut off, or even crippled, the effect is soon made apparent in all other departments of business. Gradually the present trouble will disappear, though, no doubt in its course, it will bring some important change with it. Whenever money becomes tight, as at present, it is from the same cause. In the year '62-'3, we had the same stringency, "10 cent corn and 3 cent pork." The low price of farm products put it out of the power of the rural population to make their usual purchases, and money did not return from the country, but was hoarded by those who had the power to hoard it, while the small amount received went to pay for absolute needs, the payment of old debts and taxes. Not that there is less money to-day than six months ago, but it has ceased its usual rapid flow. It is the difference between the man who handles his cash half-a-dozen times a year and the man who handles it but once. Let us see how this is: A has $2,000, and starts in trade in groceries. He sells for ready pay, either in cash or farm-produce, and thus turns his $2,000 over once a month. He is enabled to buy for ready pay, and buys cheap; not only that, but is able at all times to keep up his stock to its maximum. He thus handles his capital twelve times a year, or an aggregate of $24,000. B, at the same time, makes a purchase of $24,000, and sells on credit. At the end of six months his stock becomes broken, for the reason that he could not exactly foresee the actual demand for a varied stock of goods, and he has many unsalable goods on hand, with many slow, if not bankrupt debtors. At best, he has turned his capital but once, and is an old fogy beside A, who, with one-twelfth as much ready cash, has done the same amount of business. It is thus time, active business makes money plenty.

We see the same thing verified with a small farmer who pursues a mixed husbandry of farm, orchard, and garden products; for he always has something to sell, to meet his current expenses. Like the small, prompt business man, who is careful to keep only such goods as are in demand and command a ready sale, he grows such products as are required in their season, and to the extent that a prudent forethought may suggest. This class of men make little complaint in regard to hard times, for they are in the habit of paying as they go, and do not like to run in debt. On the other hand, the farmer who grows the great staples that find a market annually or semi-annually, are in the habit of anticipating their incomes, or what is called running an account at the stores. When they come to the day of settlement, they find these bills have grown much beyond their anticipation, and, if their crop is short or prices low, they are placed in an unpleasant position; but is it simply overtrading or overdrawing the income, and hard times are the result. It is no more than occurs to all our people who overdraw their income; but as it occurs at the same time to so large a class of our people, it must of necessity affect those whose interest is so closely allied to this one of the cultivators of the soil.

The remedy for this condition of things cannot be applied in a day or a month, but must have also a moral growth; that is, our habits must, to some extent, be changed. The shortening up of credits is gradually doing good, and, when we have reached the cash basis, these fluctuations will have little effect on us or the country. However low the prices of farm-products may be, unless there is an unusually small crop, we shall be able to get along quite comfortably; but to pay debts with corn at 20 cents, when we have made our estimate at 40 cents, and run in debt accordingly, is not so easily arranged. When the farmer gets behind, or thinks he needs more capital, he is too apt to make forced loans of his grocer, his dry-goods merchant, the implement-dealer, and others of whom he makes his purchases. Now, this is wrong, as is shown at this time. If the farmer can pay cash for all that he purchases, at the time, he will not be liable to get more than he needs. He may do without many things to which he may have been accustomed, but this is better than to run into debt.

The usual remedy for hard times is to shorten up our expenses, and this we are enabled to do; for, in good times the most of us live rather fast. We wear out our old clothes, and the old cook-stove, scour up the old plow, and repair the old wagon; but, if we keep out of debt, and buy for cash, we may save at least 20 per cent of our present outgoes. This is one of the first points to be considered, and cannot fail of laying the foundation of success. "But," says one, "what shall we do to get rid of debt, and be in receipt of the world to pay us the same rate for the products of our labor as that we pay for the labor of others?" "By forming a ring, as among the trades," say several of our wiseacres in the agricultural journals. "Let us form a ring, and not sell our products at less than the old prices, or correspondingly to the prices of tin, leather, lumber and similar goods. That is all very fair and just, not only to ourselves, but to all others. But can we make it work? "Of course we can. Don't we hold more pork than Young & Co.; and have we not more wheat and corn than all the grain-dealers combined? Just let us sell to them a few million dollars' worth of our staples *long*, and see how soon they will find themselves *short*. Let our ring swallow up all other rings and break them, and then we may have things our own way. Let us refuse the railroads a bushel of grain, a car-load of hogs or cattle, and stay at home ourselves. That will bring them to terms, for their rolling-stock will then be idle. In short, this ring of the farmers can be made to dictate terms to all other departments of trade. If the press fights us, we can stop the paper and starve the editors,—not as in former times, when we took the papers on tick and did pay for them, but by refusing to pay for them in advance; that will do the business." This is the line of argument dealt out by many of our farmers, and is their remedy for the present tightness in the money market, and the consequent low prices of farm-crops. If we look back a few years, we will see that we have passed over worse times than these, before the time of railroads, telegraphs, and mammoth commercial newspapers.

But how shall we form the ring? is the first question that comes up for solution. Debts must be paid as far as possible. Even with the low price of corn, taxes must be paid, for they are a lien upon our homesteads; new dresses must be had, for the new baby, and new ones for the change of seasons that demands warmer clothing; in short, we cannot suspend our real needs, though we may dispense with many luxuries. It is therefore impossible to form a ring that will compel the world to buy our products at our prices.

We ought not to complain that the soil has yielded us those beautiful crops, for our own skill has had something to do with it; but we should be thankful that such is the case, for it is millions of people who what they do not always get cheap food; and in time we shall have our recompense.

This low price of farm products, and the advancing rates for manufactured goods and wages of skilled labor, must, in a short time, change position, and we may hope to see them approximating each other in the course of a few years, for a revolution must come to change the present ringing of prices and of trade.

Farming pays so poorly that there is no encouragement at present to enlarge its extent; but there is a disposition to curtail operations; and this will of itself increase the price of many articles now below the real cost of production. Then we must reorganize our operations, for the want of help in the kitchen and the labor on the farm. The fact is, we have no help in the kitchen, the young men and daughters can do; and it is, therefore, almost impossible to board farm hands. And this, if continued, must lead to the

TENANT-HOUSE SYSTEM

of providing farm labor. The cities and villages invite the laborer to them, for there they find homes. For this reason many branches of farming pay better near our villages, where land is held at less price, than at a distance from them, and it is comparatively cheap. Broom-corn, hops, small fruits, and garden crops will only make good returns in the vicinity of this class of labor,—that is, laborers who board themselves,—and it is only there that a supply of reasonably good laborers may be had. Now, if we are to continue farming on the present rate of increase, there will needs be build tenant-houses on the farms, in order to draw this kind of labor from the village. It is a question for each farmer who employs hired help to solve for himself: Will he build tenant-houses for his hands; or will he turn his farm to pasturage and meadow, in order to bring the work within the limits that will suffice for his own labor?

Farming, like all other departments of business, must be brought to the paying test, and a farm is only worth as an investment what it will pay as an income on that investment.

In order to get out of the present difficulty, we have to shorten our expenses. At the same time, it is not fair to ask others to give us credit when we demand cash for our own goods. Let a butcher ask us for six months' credit on that fat cow, the pork-packer for our hogs, the grain dealer for our corn, and we would stare at them. Then what claim have we on others for a credit? The men who offer us long credits do so at a large profit—that is, in helping us they doubly help themselves. RURAL.

Effect of the Hiss on Actors.

High and low, from Garrick to "the super," it is probably the actor's doom, for one or less reasons, at some time or another, to be hissed. He is, as members of Parliament are fond of saying, "in the hands of the House," and may be ill-considered by it. Any one can hiss, and one goose makes many. Lamb relates how he once saw Elliston, sitting in state in the tarnished green-room of the Royal Pavilion Theatre, while Fame, brought for judgment, on complaint of a prompter, "one of those little tawdry things that flirt at the tails of choruses—the portest little drab—a dirty fringe and appendage of the lamp's smoke—who, it seems, on some disapprobation expressed by a 'highly respectable' audience, had precipitately quitted her station on the boards and withdrawn her small talents in disgust. 'And how dare you,' said the manager, 'how dare you, madam, without a notice, withdraw yourself from your theatrical duties?' 'I was hissed, sir.' 'And you have the presumption so decide upon the taste of the town?' 'I don't know that, sir, but I will never stand to be hissed,' was the rejoinder of Young Confidence. Then, gathering up his features into one significant mass of wonder, pity, and expostulatory indignation,—in a lesson never to have been lost upon a creature less forward than she who stood before him,—his words were these: 'They have hissed me!'" It is understood that this argument failed in its effect, for after all, a hiss is not to be in such wise excused or explained away; its application is far too direct and personal. "Ladies and gentlemen, it was not I that shot the arrow, said Braham to his audience, when some bungling occurred in a performance of "William Tell," and the famous apple remained unpierced upon the head of the hero's son. If derision was moved by this bungling, still more did the singer's address and confession excite the mirth of the spectators. To another singer, failure, or the dread of failure, was fraught with more tragic consequences. For some sixteen years Adolphe Nourrit had been the chief tenor of the Paris Opera-house. He had created the leading characters in "Robert," "Les Huguenots," "Il Ta Juive," "Gustave," and "Masaniello." He resigned his position immediately upon the advent of Duprez, the younger singer afflicted the elder with a kind of panic. The news that Duprez was among his audience was sufficient to paralyze his powers, to extinguish his voice. He left France for Italy. His success was unquestionable, but he had lost confidence in himself; a deep dejection settled upon him, his apprehension of failure approached delirium. At last he persuaded himself that the applause he won from a Neapolitan audience was purely ironical, was but scoffing ill-disguised. At 8 in the morning, on the 8th of March, 1839, he flung himself from the window of an upper floor, and was picked up in the street quite dead. Poor Nourrit! he was a man of genius in his way; but for him there would have been no grand duet in the fourth act of "Les Huguenots," no cavatina for Eleazar in "La Juive," and to his inventiveness is to be ascribed the ballet of "La Sylphide," which Taglioni made so famous.—*All the Year Round.*

—Never turn round in the street to see what another girl wears; you will always find her doing the same thing.

TRAGEDY AT WESTFIELD, MASS.

A Jealous Desperado Shoots a Young Lady and Her Lover.

From the Springfield (Mass.) Union.

One of the most cold-blooded and fiendish attempts at murder that has occurred in this vicinity for a long time took place at Westfield, about eleven o'clock on Wednesday night. The history of the case is as follows: Some three years ago a man named Alb-rt Smith appeared in Westfield, and obtained employment from Alonzo Whitney, the well-known tobacco dealer, to take care of horses. He remained there about a year, during which time his conduct was anything but good, and he was finally discharged. While working there he took Mr. Whitney's double team out for a drive, one night, without the owner's knowledge, and allowed it to run away and smash the vehicle. He covered up the affair by falsehood for a long time, and only owned up when finally cornered. After leaving Mr. Whitney's employ he went to work for the Boston & Albany Railroad as switchman in the Westfield depot yard, and while thus engaged became noted for his violent and desperate disposition.

About a year ago Leander B. Bates, a carpenter of Southampton, moved to Westfield and purchased a residence near the west end of Pochassic street, in a neat brick house with large and spacious grounds. This dwelling was but a few rods off and overlooked the railroad yard, where Smith was employed. The latter had occasion to go up to the house daily for water, and on other errands, feigned or necessary, and quickly fastened his eyes upon Miss Jennie Bates, a daughter of the carpenter and a very pretty and prepossessing brunette. His visits daily became more frequent than agreeable, and knowing Smith's bad reputation Jennie's friends forbade his coming there. From that moment the villain swore to be revenged, and low was all he kept his word has been fearfully illustrated. Soon after he had been told to keep away, Miss Jennie, on going into a pantry, glanced upward and saw Smith looking at her feloniously through a window. She informed her friends that he was there, and he fled before they could get out of doors to catch him, although they saw him running away. If she went into a neighbor's house in the evening, he was sure to dog her steps, and it was considered unsafe for her to go out without escort, and even this did not always protect her from insult. Smith circulated stories derogatory to her character, one of which was to the effect that she had been in New Haven with him and staid two or three days. He openly threatened to shoot her and any one who kept company with her, and also burn her father's buildings. He was generally believed to be what is vulgarly called a "big blow," and no one really thought he would dare to carry such threats into execution. On several occasions he has boasted about hiding under the piazza of the house where Miss Bates lives, and listening to her conversation with her gentleman friends and would state portions of it. About two weeks ago Mr. Bates heard a noise in the night, as of some one trying to gain an entrance to the house. He proceeded to the spot where the sounds were heard, and saw Smith on a ladder with a lantern in his hand, trying to pry open the window opening into his daughter's chamber. Smith jumped from the top of the ladder to the ground on finding he was discovered, and ran away.

Among the well-known and prominent citizens of Westfield is Charles Sackett, a bachelor, about 40 years old, and owning a fine residence on Union street. This gentleman has for some time been paying his addresses to Miss Bates, and seems to have been the subject of Smith's particular spite, the latter often stepping up to him in the most violent manner and using the most abusive and threatening language. He has also frequently wandered wildly about Mr. Bates' house in the day time, firing a pistol into the air, and glaring savagely at the house, with a view to terrifying the inmates. Meeting Mr. Sackett in the street one day, he pulled off his coat, and swore he could whip any man in Westfield. Mr. Sackett, who, by the way, is a powerful man, paid little attention to him, and he went away.

On Saturday of last week, Miss Bates was at the house of a relative in Northampton. During the evening the door-bell rang and the owner of the house, on going to answer the summons, was confronted by Smith, who inquired if Miss Bates was there. Being told she was, he asked to see her, saying, "I only want to speak with her a moment—just a single moment." The lady declined to see him, and he went away, muttering.

On Wednesday evening, Mr. Sackett called at the residence of Miss Bates, to escort her to Music Hall, where Amy Stone's Dramatic Troupe was to play. The young lady said she feared to go, on account of the threats Smith had made to shoot her, and she was afraid he would watch and waylay them. Of course her fears were laughed at, and she went. On their way home, about 11 o'clock, they caught sight of Smith following them over the foot bridge which crosses the track of the New Haven and Northampton Railroad, at Pochassic street. They kept quietly along, however, directly through the street, while Smith ran rapidly around Parker avenue to the rear of the grounds about the residence of Henry Atkins, to which he obtained ingress by leaping over the fence. Passing swiftly along the flagging walk on the east side of Mr. Atkin's house, he found himself at Pochassic street, along which his victims were walking toward him. He was concealed from their view by the shrubbery of the yard, and, trying one gate without success, he opened another and stood on the sidewalk squarely in front of the two persons whom he intended to murder. "Now you can," "I've got you!" he told his Sackett, and fired a small sized Smith & Wesson revolver without effect. Mr. Sackett jumped for him, but was pushed away by Smith, who cried, "Stand back, d—n you!" and shot him squarely in the left breast, near the heart, the ball passing upward and glancing from a rib. A third shot struck Miss Bates under the left eye, passed half way around the skull, and came out at the back of her head. She screamed and threw up her right hand to protect her face, and the fourth shot struck her between the middle fingers, where the ball still remains. The villain fired three more shots, emptying the contents of his revolver, but none of them took effect.

A short distance in front of Smith, when he fired, was a young man named George Fox, who boarded at Mr. Bates's house, and was also on his way home from the theatre. Hearing the shots, he ran back with a single-barrelled pistol in his hand, just as Smith started to run away. The young man chased him down a bank to a railroad track, and fired at him, unfortunately without success. He then went back to aid his wounded friends, who were barely able to walk to the house, where they were attended by Dr. James Holland and Dr. Clark, who examined the wounds and pronounced them serious, though not necessarily dangerous, unless the nervous shock should prove greater than it appeared.

As Smith ran away, he met James Parker, son of the Station Agent, at the depot, who said, "What have you been doing—peppering 'em;" "Yes, I have by G—d, and I have fired the —of a ——," was the reply. Smith walked quietly along the platform at the depot, met a man near the railroad crossing, at Elm street, passed a few words of ordinary conversation, and proceeded on foot to the house of a man named Jones, near the round-house of the Boston & Albany Railroad at West Springfield, where he boarded, and went to bed. Meantime the citizens of Westfield were aroused and a search made for him, and it is certain if he could have been found he would have been hung without Judge or jury. Special Officer G. H. Mallory and Patrolman Thomas Meaden having ascertained where Smith boarded, took a night freight train for the city, and notified our police of the affair. They then crossed back to the West Springfield side of the river, and after going to two or three places found the right house, and learned that Smith was in bed. The two officers then went into the room and seized their man before he could raise himself in bed. He put on his clothes, and the officers in searching him found in his pantaloons pocket the revolver with which the crime was committed. As it was taken away from him, he remarked, savagely, "If I had known when you came into the room, you would have got the contents of that." He made no attempt at concealment, but stated frankly that he did the shooting and was "d—d glad of it." The officers attached their "bracelets" to his wrists, and took him to the police station in this city, for safe-keeping until the departure of the early train for Westfield, on which they embarked. On arriving at the latter town, a large crowd greeted them at the depot, and there was loud and earnest talk about hanging Smith to the timbers of the foot-bridge over the New Haven & Northampton Railroad, and had the persons he intended to have murdered been actually killed, he would probably have thus been disposed of. He was taken to the lock-up, however, without trouble, and a preliminary examination ordered at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Smith is about 26 years old, with a round, full face, and a mustache naturally red, but always dyed a jet black. He hails from Baltimore. It has been ascertained that he tried to borrow a pistol of the superintendent of the livery stable on the north side of the depot, Wednesday afternoon, but was refused. Early in the evening he went into one of the rooms at the depot, broke off a piece of poker and swore that he was going to be revenged. Soon after he borrowed a revolver of a man, Daniel Dunham, and with this weapon he waylaid the two lovers.

Miss Bates is 20 years old, and has a large circle of friends, who sympathize with her deeply in her misfortune. Only about a month ago they proposed to take legal measures to prevent her from being persecuted by Smith, and he suddenly left the town, which had become too hot for him. He occasionally returned, and must have meditated the deed for a long time, and have followed his intended victims like a sleuth-hound, waiting for an opportunity to destroy them. The affair has created great excitement in Westfield, and is the all-absorbing theme of conversation, to-day, in the shop, store, and on the street.

Chief of Police Chamberlain got pretty close to Smith during the chase, catching sight of him near West Springfield. The officer drew his revolver and ran after him, but Smith hearing his steps dodged around the corner of Mittenenque depot and disappeared. Smith attended the Baptist Church regularly, and was visited by some of the Sunday School scholars, this forenoon. They expressed their regret at his condition, and he said, "Oh, it's all right!" He stated, while in the lock-up, that nobody had any right to Jennie Bates but himself, and nobody should have. Once he exclaimed, "I shall get clear if money can do it." He sent a despatch this morning to a man in Baltimore, asking him to come on immediately.

WESTFIELD, Thursday afternoon.—Long before 2 o'clock, the hour for Smith's examination, the Police Court room was densely packed with spectators, and the walk outside was a mass of people unable to gain admittance. Justice Lawrence presided, and the charge was read to Smith, who pleaded not guilty. M. B. Whitney appeared as his counsel, and asked that the doctor who examined the wounded persons might testify as to their condition. Dr. Clark accordingly took the stand, and said he considered the wound serious, though not necessarily fatal, unless some unlooked-for symptom should set in. No other testimony was offered, and Smith was ordered to furnish bail in the sum of $7,500 in each case (a total of $15,000), for his appearance before the Superior Court, at Springfield, in December. As he was unable to procure bail, he will be taken to the Springfield jail by the train which leaves Westfield at half-past 5 this afternoon.

Smith inquires often and anxiously about the condition of Jennie Bates, but seems to care but little whether Sackett lives or dies.

JOAQUIN'S WIFE.

Minnie Myrtle Miller Again on the Rostrum—Another Basping of the Poet of the Sierras.

From the San Francisco Chronicle, Nov. 13.

Mrs. Minnie Myrtle Miller delivered her second lecture on "Joaquin Miller, the Poet and the Man," to an audience of about three hundred persons, in Pacific Hall, last evening. The lecture was delivered in a clear ringing tone, and abounded in the most delicate satire. Her sarcastic allusions to her illustrious and romantic liege were highly appreciated by her hearers, and so sharp and cutting was the vein of wit and satire running all through it that the audience was kept in continual smiles and good humor. Punctually at 8 o'clock the lectures emerged from the waiting-room and ascended the rostrum with a quick, decisive step

MONEY AND COMMERCE.

MONETARY.

SATURDAY EVENING, Nov. 23.

Financial affairs in the local market have presented an aspect of settled stringency throughout the week. The mercantile part of the business community, particularly, have found it difficult to meet their maturing obligations, on account of slow collections in the country. But, on the whole, the situation is no worse than it was last week, and it is believed that the marketing of hogs and cattle in the country, which is increasing now, will soon put money enough into the hands of the farmers to pay a large portion of their indebtedness to country merchants, and thus help the general liquidation of money obligations. As yet, however, there are no indications of the coming relief. The country banks appear to be hard up, a large proportion of them are applicants to their city correspondents for loans, and their balances here are in scarcely any instance above the amount of legal reserve they are required to keep here. The volume of currency coming in from the country is less than it was a week ago, and the high price of New York exchange favors the steady movement of the currency from here to New York.

For once, the grain markets in this city are absorbing very little money in speculative operations, and the amount of margins deposited with the Board of Trade Treasurer is small.

New York exchange is scarce and firm at 75c per $1,000 premium for sales between banks.

The following of the Chicago banks for the week ending Nov 23, were:

Date.	Clearings.	Balances
Monday	$3,851,277.83	$266,992.31
Tuesday	3,210,198.47	267,485.32
Wednesday	2,961,820.39	266,917.71
Thursday	2,968,125.01	266,409.96
Friday	3,016,166.08	192,388.85
Saturday	2,923,909.13	292,766.70
Total	$18,932,494.89	$1,860,961.84
Corresp'nding wk last year	14,973,279.22	1,602,053.67

The following quotations of local stocks are furnished by Messrs. Hammond & Watson:

	Bid.	Asked.
First National Bank	135	140
Fifth National Bank	130	....
Commercial National Bank	140	....
Merchants' National Bank	170	....
German National Bank	125	....
Northwestern National Bank	200	....
Corn Exchange National Bank	115	....
City National Bank	140	....
Cook County National Bank	107	110
National Bank of Illinois	109	110
National Bank of Commerce	100	101
Home National Bank	....	98
Scandinavian National Bank	....	100
Chicago City Railway	....	165
West Division Railway	....	190
North Division Railway	....	160
Pullman Palace Car	110	112
Elgin Watch Company	105	108
Chamber of Commerce	....	100
Chicago Gas Light & Coke Co.	100	102½
Traders' Insurance Company	....	98

LOCAL STOCK AND BOND MARKET.

Messrs. Lunt, Preston & Kean quote stocks and bonds in this market this afternoon as follows,:

	Buying.	Selling.
U. S. 6s of '81	116½	116¾
5-20s of '62, ex. int.	112½	113¾
5-20s of '64, ex. int.	112½	112¾
5-20s of '65, ex. int.	113½	113¾
5-20s of '65, Jan. and July	114½	114¾
5-20s of '67, Jan. and July	114¾	115¼
5-20s of '68, Jan. and July	114¾	115
10-40s	107¾	107¾
U. S. 6s (new issue), ex. int.	109½	110
U. S. currency 6s	113¼	113½
Northern Pacific Gold 7-30s	100 and int.	
Chicago City 7s	99 and int.	
Cook County 7s	99 and int.	
Illinois, County and Township 10s	30@35	
Sterling Exchange, (large drafts)	108¾@110¼	

LATEST.

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Money was stringent; loaned as high as 7 per cent, and closed firm at 7 per cent.

Sterling quiet and steady at 109@108¾ for 60 days, 109¾ for sight.

Gold, during the forenoon, was scarce, and advanced from 112¼ to 113¾, and loaned as high as 6 per cent per day, but in the afternoon became more plentiful, and fell to 112¾@113, with loans from 1-6 a 0 flat. Clearings, $178,000,000. Treasury disbursed $241,000. Exports for the week, $320,000.

Governments weak at the opening, and firmer at the close.

Southern bonds dull and firm.

The bank statement is unfavorable, and shows a net loss of about $1,000,000. The banks now hold a little over $1,000,000 in excess of the amount required by law.

The general stock market opened weak, at a decline of ¼ to ½ per cent, as compared with the closing prices of last night, but recovered and advanced ½ to 3¼ per cent, the market being strong until mid-day. Between 12 m. and 1 p. m. a sharp decline occurred, and during the remainder of the afternoon the market was dull, with fluctuations between ¼ and ¾ per cent, but at the close the advance was lost.

In Northwestern, during the greater part of the day, the price ranged from 145 to 155, and reported settlements to the amount of upwards of $1,000,000 were made at from par to 12½. At the board this afternoon, 3,300 shares were bought in, under the rule, for account of Kenyon, Cox & Co., with whom Daniel Drew is a partner, at 50c cash, and 3,000 shares for account of Boyd, Vincent & Co., successors to David Crossbeck, at 230 cash. Quite a number of settlements were made at between 200 and 230, the latter being the closing price of the day.

Henry N. Smith absolutely refused to settle, and not a share of the stock was bought in for his account.

Vanderbilt is believed to be at the back of Gould, from the fact that his son-in-law, Horace F. Clark, is one of the boneholders in the Erie suits. It is known that Smith is short of stock to the amount exceeding 50,000 shares, and that Drew is in a similar position as regards upwards of 20,000 shares. Thirteen hundred shares were bought in under the rule said to belong to John Bloodgood. It seems certain that Gould owns in stock and contracts 200,000 shares of Northwestern common, the capital stock of which is only 140,000 shares.

Sterling, 108¼.

GOVERNMENT BONDS.

Coupons, '81	116½	Coupons, '67	114¾
5-20s of '62	112½	Coupons, '68	114¾
Coupons, '62	112½	10-40s	107¾
Coupons, '65	112½	Currency 6s	113¾
Coupons, '65 (new)	114½		

STATE BONDS.

Missouris	96	Virginias, old	48
Tennessees, old	76	North Carolinas, old	35¾
Tennessees, new	76¼	North Carolinas, new	31
Virginias, new	50		

STOCKS.

Canton	100	St. Paul pfd	75
W. U. Tel	76¼	Wabash	67¾
Quicksilver	46	Wabash pfd	72
Adams Express	94½	Fort Wayne	92½
Wells Fargo	84½	Terre Haute	15
American Express	68½	Terre Haute pfd	35
United States Ex	77½	Chicago & Alton	109¾
Pacific Mail	36½	C. & A. pfd	112
New York Central	93½	C. & M.	45¾
Erie	52½	C., O. & C.	85
Erie pfd	71	C., R. & Q.	130
Harlem	131	Lake Shore	93¼
Harlem pfd	125	Indiana Central	31¾
Michigan Central	114	Illinois Central	123
Pittsburgh	86¾	Un. Pacific stocks	35
Northwestern	250	U. P. bonds	87
N. W. pfd	57	Cen. Pacific bonds	100¾
Rock Island	109	Del., Lac & W.	96
N. J. Cen	115	E., H. & Erie	7¾
St. Paul	51¾		

COMMERCIAL.

SATURDAY EVENING, Nov. 23.

The following were the receipts and shipments of the leading articles of produce in this city during the past twenty-four hours; and for the corresponding date a year ago:

	RECEIPTS.		SHIPMENTS.	
	1872.	1871.	1872.	1871.
Flour, brls	7,454	5,563	6,400	5,163
Wheat, bu	85,000	26,500	49,196	36,033
Corn, bu	80,000	125,140	172,873	105,702
Oats, bu	40,040	17,810	5,402	12,100
Rye, bu	2,886	4,945	750	418
Barley, bu	19,010	17,649	4,323	9,069
Grass seed, lbs	61,000	97,900	18,145	17,400
Flax seed, lbs	150,870	....	20,000	....
Broom corn, lbs	68,000	58,376	94,959	16,948
Dried apples, lbs	64,740	43,260	426,400	447,371
Beef, brls	....	850	1,018	3,118
Pork, brls	....	....	606	1,085
Lard, lbs	6,580	97,000	288,350	231,766
Tallow, lbs	18,940	61,600	63,900	....
Butter, lbs	85,960	74,600	2,150	11,550
Dressed hogs, No.	182	151	242	....
Live hogs, No.	16,929	19,940	4,800	1,907
Cattle, No.	2,652	535	1,466	925
Sheep, No.	631	1,594	860	....
Hides, lbs	168,345	64,224	127,670	72,640
Highwines, brls	91	421	200	266
Wool, lbs	152,070	12,160	100,420	....
Potatoes, bu	....	4,463	....	....
Lumber, m feet	898	2,645	2,137	898
Shingles, m	100	1,920	1,256	793
Salt, bbls	756	470	182	27
Salt, brls	6,063	....	2,564	1,210

Withdrawn from store yesterday for city consumption: 1,397 bu wheat; 2,950 bu corn; 1,424 bu oats; 440 bu rye; 4,973 bu barley. Withdrawn for do during the week, 10,886 bu wheat; 25,400 bu corn; 27,421 bu oats; 2,673 bu rye; 17,814 bu barley.

The following grain has been inspected into store this morning, up to 10 o'clock: 128 cars wheat; 98 cars corn; 38 cars oats; 17 cars rye; 2 cars barley. Total, 283 cars, or 132,000 bu.

The following were the receipts and shipments of breadstuffs and stock at this port for the week ending with this morning, and for other weeks ending as dated:

RECEIPTS.	Nov. 23, '72.	Nov. 16, '72.	Nov. 25, '71.
Flour, brls	39,674	33,711	37,098
Wheat, bu	394,439	412,900	368,912
Corn, bu	247,482	228,610	1,048,980
Oats, bu	153,992	151,382	222,389
Rye, bu	17,793	22,302	24,336
Barley, bu	151,350	132,610	87,414
Dressed hogs	527	228	636
Live hogs, No.	60,683	72,900	102,635
Cattle, No.	15,307	15,119	10,117
SHIPMENTS.			
Flour, brls	39,998	38,545	19,770
Wheat, bu	519,605	388,391	191,684
Corn, bu	813,176	745,794	1,068,642
Oats, bu	159,521	234,045	207,173
Rye, bu	6,645	22,359	12,689
Barley, bu	156,711	255,634	64,247
Dressed hogs	272	....	....
Live hogs, No.	26,553	32,084	10,097
Cattle, No.	5,389	6,156	4,212

On Monday, at noon, the amended rules for the packing and inspection of provisions, which were posted a month ago for the perusal of members of the Board of Trade, will be submitted for adoption, amendment, or rejection.

Alexander Murison to-day submitted the following proposed amendment to Section 1, of Rule 9, of the Board of Trade, which will be acted upon after the usual thirty days' probation:

Strike out the words "All such security or margins to be deposited with the Treasurer of the association unless otherwise agreed upon by the parties," and insert "All such security or margins to be deposited in any National Bank that the depositor may elect, provided said Bank will comply with the terms herein prescribed, to wit: said Bank shall issue a certificate for such deposits payable on demand to the joint order of the parties to the contract, and shall issue to the depositor a ticket of notification to the caller of the margin that such deposit has been made. It shall be the further duty of the party making such deposits to deliver to the party calling for the same said ticket of notification within not exceeding one hour from the time such deposit was made."

The matter referred to in the above was discussed extensively on 'Change to-day, and amid considerable excitement. It is alleged that when the money put up as margins by grain operators is all deposited with one bank, it places an undue power in the hands of the officers of that bank, which may be used to the detriment of the men making those deposits. If the officers of such bank should take a fancy to corner one of the grain markets they would not only be able to know the exact standing of other operators in regard to it, but could call margins on the shorts, which, on being deposited with them, could be used to still further inflate prices, and make it necessary to deposit additional margins, to be used in the same way. This is the view taken by those who advocate a change in the rules, and some of them claim that the recent course of events justifies them in demanding a change. Of course, many of the rumors that circulate on the floor are mere nonsense, and the rumor that an officer of the bank now designated as the margin repository is the owner of nearly all the wheat in the city, may be without foundation, while it is equally possible that he should own the wheat on his individual account, while the bank has nothing to do with the transaction. It is probable, however, that some change will be made in the rules, even if the above amendment be not adopted.

A meeting of the warehouse proprietors was held this morning, at which the situation was discussed rather freely; but the conclusions arrived at were not reported by any member of the conclave. As the greatest sufferer by the Munn & Scott failure, Mr. George Armour, occupied the post of honor, and had most to say.*

THE MARKETS.

The leading produce markets were slow to-day, and several were dull and easier, in the absence of anything like an active demand, while receipts were larger than the usual average. The shipping movement was quiet. Few changes were noticeable in the grocery market. Business continues slack, and a quiet, easy feeling prevails. Coffees are still held with a show of firmness, but for most other goods there is a disposition to concede a little on anything like fair orders. Stocks are ample. Dry goods were steady, with little or no variation in prices, the prevalent feeling being one of firmness. In the butter market there was a slightly increased inquiry for the different grades, and the quoted prices were very generally sustained. Cheese remains inactive, and the market is not firm at present prices. Coal was reported in good demand, and the market was strong at former quotations, or at $11.00@12.00 for Lackawanna; at $10.50@11.00 for Erie, and at $7.00 for Wilmington. Fish met with only a limited inquiry, but, with no surplus stock on hand, dealers remain firm in their views. Dried fruits were moving on a more liberal scale, without change in prices. The hay trade was again dull, the demand being almost wholly of a local character, but the light arrivals induced a firm feeling, and the recent advance was thoroughly sustained. In the hide market no new feature was noticeable. A small business was done at 10@10½c for heavy, and 10½@11c for light. No changes were noted in the market for oils, paints, tobacco, and wood. The lumber trade was fair to-day, prices undergoing no important change. Building materials were in rather better demand at former prices. Cooperage was quiet; lard tierces lower, and quotable at $1.70@1.80. Iron, steel, tin, copper, etc., continue to meet with a fair demand for the season; prices ruling steady. Salt was fairly active and firm. There was a very good demand for timothy seed, prices ranging higher. $3.05@3.10 was paid for prime, and $2.70@3.00 for common to fair seed. Clover was in some request at $5.05@5.15 for prime. Hungarian sold at 80@85c. Potatoes were in good demand and firm; car lots were scarce, and quotable at 60@65c on track. Wool was in fair demand and firm. Stocks are light, but the receipts are increasing. Poultry was in liberal supply, but most of the offerings being in poor condition, sales were slow at lower prices. Game was in demand and firm. Green fruits were in usual request. Apples were in fair demand, at $3.00@3.50. Cranberries were in moderate request, at $9.50@11.00 for cultivated. Grapes were quiet and unchanged.

Highwines were quiet and easier, at former quotations, though reported inactive in New York at inside prices. Sales were: 200 brls at 89c per gallon.

Lake freights were quiet, but quoted firmer. Carriers were asking 1c advance or 13c on wheat, and 12c on corn, by sail, to Buffalo; while one or two shippers were understood to bid 12 and 11c. One charter was reported at 10½c for barley to Buffalo, which, with one taken last evening, will convey out 41,000 bu. Two propellers were chartered to carry 8,000 brls old pork on through rate to New York.

Dressed hogs come in sparingly as yet, only 182 being reported for this morning. They are quoted on the street at $4.50@4.75 per 100 lbs for fair to good.

Provisions were moderately active, by comparison with past dulness, but really quiet for the season. Mess pork was in fair speculative demand, but generally held higher on options, which buyers were not willing to concede, except on December. Lard was moderately active, but easier, returning to the quotations of Thursday, after the temporary bulge of yesterday. Meats were in moderate request at unchanged prices, some quoting green hams easier. The reported arrangement (noted above) to ship out 8,000 brls of old pork to New York, was probably the cause of the firmer feeling in that article, aided by a slight advance in the price of live hogs. The market closed at the following range of prices: Mess pork, old held at $14.50@15.00; new pork, $13.00@13.50; do seller the month nominal at $13.00; do seller December, $12.50; do seller January, $12.37½; do seller February, $12.50; do seller March, $12.50@12.62½; do seller April, $12.50@12.75; prime mess, $11.50@12.00 Lard, cash, 7½c for new; do seller December, 7¾@7⅞c; do seller January, 7⅞c; do seller February, 7⅞@7⅞c; do seller March, 7½c. Sweet pickled hams, 9½@10½c, and green hams at 7½@8c for present delivery or seller November; 7¾@7⅞c; seller December or January. Long clear shoulders, 3¾c; do rough sides, 5½@5½c; do short ribs, 5¾@6c; do short clear, 6¼c; meats, 15 to 20 days in salt, quotable at 4½c for shoulders; 6½c for short ribs, and 6⅝@6½c for short clear. Boxed shoulders, seller December, quoted at 4½c. English meats, for delivery in December and January, 6½c for Cumberlands; 6½c for short ribs, or long clear; 6¾c for short clear; 8½c for long cut hams. Mess beef, $8.50@9.00; extra mess do, $9.50@10.00; beef hams, $29.00@30.00. City tallow, 8@8½c; grease quotable at 5½@6½c. Sales were reported of 1,000 brls mess pork, seller December, at $12.50; 250 tcs lard at 7½c; 200 tcs do at 7c, loose; 500 tcs do seller February at 7⅝c; 250 tcs do seller March at 7¾c; 150 boxes shoulders at 4¼c; 40,000 lbs short ribs at 6¼c; 20,000 lbs do, 15 days old, at Eureka, at 6c; 100 boxes light do at 6⅝c; 60,000 lbs green hams (average 12 lbs and over) at $1.12 each; 1,000 pcs do (average 15 lbs) at 8c per lb; 6,000 pcs do, part seller December and January, at 7¾c; 40,000 lbs do (17 lbs) at 7½c; 3,000 lbs sugar-cured and smoked hams at 14½c; 60 brls beef hams at $29.00; 30 brls yellow grease at 5½c.

The following were the receipts and shipments of provisions at this port during the past week:

	Received.	Shipped.
Pork, brls	70	11,850
Beef, brls	620	1,978
Lard, lbs	61,760	1,372,987
Meats, lbs	816,510	3,678,200

The following are the footings of packing (hogs) to date at different points: Chicago, 121,708; St. Louis, 83,615; Indianapolis, 24,000; Peoria, 12,000; Kansas City, 7,000; Dea Moines, 6,000; Eureka, 2,000. The Chicago packing to same date in 1871 was 184,000 head.

Flour was quiet and firm. Shippers purchased more sparingly than the average of the week, as is usual on Saturday, while there was only a moderate local demand. But holders were not urging sales, as they claim that stocks are light, and that many lots have been sold to arrive. Buckwheat was in good demand and higher. Bran strong. Sales were reported of 50 brls white winter extras (Winkler's) at $9.50; 100 brls do (Johannesburg Star) at $9.00; 100 brls do on private terms; 200 brls spring extras at $6.00; 500 brls do on private terms; 100 brls rye, on private terms; 25 brls buckwheat flour at $8.00. Total, 1,075 brls. Also 20 tons bran at $12.00 on track. The following is the range of prices:

Fair to choice winter extras	$7.50@ 8.75
Red winter extras	6.50@ 7.50
Good to choice spring extras	5.50@ 6.75
Low to medium	4.25@ 5.50
Good to fancy Minnesota	5.75@ 7.25
Spring superfines	3.00@ 4.50
Rye flour	3.75@ 4.00
Buckwheat flour	8.00@ 7.50
Bran	10.50@11.50

Wheat was less active and weak, averaging 1½c lower than yesterday, though reported to be held higher in New York, while our receipts, though larger than heretofore, were nearly equalled by the shipments. There was still a fair amount of speculative trading, but the offers were more to sell than to buy. Much of the grain offered was for delivery next month by countryholders, and this brought out several short sellers; while there seemed to be but little money in the crowd wherewith to buy. There is little doubt that wheat would sell much higher than it does, were it not for the difficulty of obtaining money, either to carry the grain, or to put up as margin on time contracts. Several men who have formerly operated quite extensively, have declared that they will drop out till such times as money is easier, as they cannot afford to pay the rates asked by those who have previously accommodated them freely. There is a wide diversity of opinion in regard to the extent of the time of shorts out for this month and next. It is scarcely possible that the market is largely oversold; as if it were, the fact that all the No. 2 spring wheat here is held by one firm, would surely run up prices to a much higher point than now,—independently of the reasons for an advance which are presented by the short stocks in sight both in America and Europe. Our stock here has been decreased some 276,000 bu during the week, leaving not more than 306,000 bu of all grades here, of which scarcely 200,000 bu is No. 2. Seller December opened to-day at $1.10, fell off ½c, advanced to $1.10¼, declined to $1.08½, and closed firmer at $1.09¾. Seller the month was dull, and little better than nominal at $1.10@1.10¼. Seller January ranged ½@¾c above December, generally ½@¾c above. No. 1 spring closed at $1.19@1.20; No. 2 do at $1.10¼; No. 3 do at $1.00; and rejected do at 85c. Cash sales were reported of 3,000 bu No. 1 spring at $1.20; 400 bu do at $1.19; 58,600 bu No. 2 spring at $1.10¼; 83,800 bu do at $1.10; 1,200 bu No. 3 spring at $1.00¾; 400 bu do at $1.00¼; 14,400 bu do at $1.00; 2,800 bu rejected spring at 85c. Total, 114,600 bu.

Corn was dull, and 1c lower, though reported steady in New York, till near the close. There was no demand for shipment, and the receipts were fair for the season, while they are expected to increase largely as soon as the country holders are satisfied that there is a fair prospect of their new corn grading as No. 2. There was very little doing for this month; but a moderate trading for next, though sellers were more numerous than buyers, and orders to sell for country holders were on the increase. Our stock in store has been lessened 291,000 bu within the week, leaving us about 430,000 bu in store, with the prospect of a fair movement by rail, while several cargoes will probably be sold by lake yet. Seller December opened at 31¾c, declined to 31¾c, and closed at 31½c. Seller the month sold at 31¾@32½c, closing at 31¾@31½c. Seller January sold at 31½@32c, and seller June was nominal at 35c. Strictly fresh receipts of No. 2 closed at 32c, and rejected at 29½c. Cash sales were reported of 3,200 bu No. 2 at 32½c; 32,800 bu do at 32c; 10,000 bu do at 31¾c; 5,000 bu do at 31½c; 10,000 bu rejected at 30c; 3,200 bu do at 29½c; 800 bu ear at 35c. Total, 67,800 bu.

Oats were quiet, but a shade firmer, being reported fairly active and strong in New York. Our receipts were larger than the average, or the market would probably have advanced under the news, as more attention is being paid to oats now than heretofore. Seller the month was nominal, at 23½c. Seller December sold at 23½@23¾c, and seller January at 24@24½c. Strictly fresh receipts were quiet on No. 2, at 23½@23¾c, but rejected were in good demand and strong, at 22c. Cash sales were reported of 4,800 bu No. 2 at 23¾c; 7,200 bu do at 23½c; 1,200 bu rejected at 22c; 600 bu poor white, by sample, at 26½c. Total, 13,800 bu.

Rye was less active, but a shade firmer, being in light supply with a fair demand. Cash sales were reported of 1,200 bu No. 2 at 55½c, and 2,000 bu do at 55½c. Rejected was nominal at 50@51c.

Barley was quiet and weak, at a further decline of 2c per bu on No. 2, which opened at 63c, and closed dull at 62c, all the shipping orders seeming to have been filled. Seller December was nominal at about 60c, and seller January the same. No. 3 was comparatively steady, closing at 50c. Rejected was in fair demand. Cash sales were reported of 400 bu No. 2 at 63c; 5,600 bu do at 62½c; 6,400 bu do at 62c; 400 bu No. 3 at 52c; 400 bu do at 51c; 5,200 bu do at 50c; 15,000 bu rejected at 43c; 2,400 bu at 42c; 4,000 bu do at 41c; 400 bu by sample at 79c on track; 1,600 bu do at 75c; 400 bu do at 63c. Total, 41,600 bu.

SALT.

The Saginaw *Courier* says:

The sudden close of navigation has left in the hands of two or three large dealers in the Valley about 75,000 barrels of salt, which would have been shipped by water but for the reason indicated. This amount will nearly clean up what salt there is on the river, which will be shipped by rail as fast as transportation can be secured.

Mr. Garregues, the State Inspector of Salt, in Michigan, has addressed the following circular to the salt manufacturers of that State:

WHEREAS, The manufacture of salt during the past winter, demonstrated more fully the fact of the impossibility of the proper drainage of salt in bins after the temperature has fallen below 45 degrees Fahr., or to the freezing point, it becomes necessary to establish the following regulations:

NOV. 25, 1872, and on and after said date salt made after the 15th of November, will be required to remain upon the drainage-boards, in the blocks, from five to six hours before being dumped into bins.

Rule 2.—All salt packed for immediate shipment and sale, will be inspected and branded as packed, but salt packed and stored for spring shipments will be weighed and branded at time of said shipment; all packages found short weight at that time will be required to be repacked.

LATEST.

In the afternoon wheat was fairly active and firmer, No. 2 spring selling at $1.10¼ cash, and $1.10¼@1.10½ seller December, closing at the inside, also $1.10¾@1.11 seller January, closing at $1.10¾. Corn was quiet and unchanged. No. 2 selling at 32c cash, and 31½@31¾c seller December, the latter closing at 31¾c. Lake freights were inactive. Provisions neglected.

CHICAGO DAILY MARKET.

SATURDAY EVENING, Nov. 23.

ALCOHOL—Was in moderate request at yesterday's prices. We continue to quote 94 per cent proof at $1.77@1.80.

BROOM CORN—A healthier tone pervades the market, owing to an increasing inquiry at the East. The stocks here are quite large, and of common to medium quality. Choice green hurl is in limited supply. The new crop is also deficient in this grade. We continue to quote: $40.00@50.00 per ton for common; $75.00 for fair; $80.00@120.00 for choice; and $120.00@150.00 for choice green hurl.

BEANS—There was some inquiry for choice varieties, but chiefly of a local character. The offerings of common and medium beans are large, but strictly choice navies are scarce. We continue to quote: Navies at $2.25@2.50; fair to medium, $1.50@2.00; common, $1.00@1.25. Sales include 2 brls choice navy at $2.50; 5 brls at $2.25.

BUILDING MATERIALS—The milder weather has produced a rather better inquiry for building materials of all descriptions. Common brick was steady at $11.00; other descriptions were unchanged. We continue to quote: Stucco, $2.50@2.75; New York stucco, casing, $3.75@4.00; superfine do, $4.00@4.50; Rosendale cement, $3.25@3.50; Utica cement, $2.00 per brl; Louisville cement, $2.00; Akron cement, $2.00; marble dust, $3.25@3.50; lime, in bulk, $1.00@1.10; lime (in bris) $1.25@1.35 per brl; white sand, per brl, $2.75@3.00; plastering hair, per bu, 40@45c; fire brick, per 1,000, $40.00@90.00; building brick (common), $11.00@14.00; country brick, $13.00@14.00; Woodstock pressed range at $35.00@40.00; St. Louis Hydraulic pressed, $45.00, del; Milwaukee, $35.00, del; Racine, $30.00 del; Hinsdale, $25.00, del; fire clay, per brl, $4.00@5.00. The following is the list of prices per box of 50 feet, for domestic window glass, from which a reduction of 40 per cent is made by dealers:

Size of glass.	Thickness.	Price, quality.	Double strength.
8x7	7-16	$ 5.75	$ 8.00
7x10 to 8x10		6.50	9.00
8x11 to 10x13		7.00	9.50
8x14 to 10x15		7.50	11.00
10x14 to 12x18		8.00	13.00
14x16 to 16x20		8.50	15.00
14x22 to 16x24		9.00	17.00
18x22 to 18x30		10.50	19.50
20x20 to 24x30		12.00	20.00
20x32 to 24x36		13.00	22.00
26x24 to 26x40		14.00	24.00
28x28 to 28x44		15.00	26.00
30x40 to 30x48		16.00	27.00
30x50 to 32x52		....	28.00
32x54 to 34x56		....	34.00
34x58 to 34x60		....	36.00
36x60 to 40x60		....	40.00

BUTTER—For the better grades suitable for table use, and for common baker's butter, there was a fair demand, but medium to fair qualities were more or less neglected. In prices no material change was noticeable, the quoted prices being pretty generally adhered to. We repeat our list: Strictly choice dairy, 24@25c; medium to good, 18@22; inferior to common, 8@17c.

BAGGING—The condition of this market remains unchanged. Grain bags are but little inquired for, and the same is true of wool sacks, but in buntings and bagging a fair movement is witnessed. Following are the quotations: Stark, 35½c; Ludlow, 35c; Lewiston, 34c; American, 32c; Otter Creek, 31½c; burlap bags, 4 and 5 bu, 20@22½c; gunnies, single, 16@15c; do, double, 28c; wool sacks, 60@70c.

CHEESE—Business was again reported dull, and the market gave evidence of weakness; notably so for goods in any degree off in flavor. The supply in store is light for the season. We quote: New York factory, 14½@15½c; factory, 13@14c; Western factory, 13@14c.

COAL—Remains firm as previously quoted. The demand was fair at the annexed range of prices: Lehigh, lump, $13.00; Lehigh, prepared, $12.00; Lackawanna, $11.00@12.00; Erie, $10.50@11.00; Briar Hill, $10.50@11.00; Walnut Hill, $11.00; Blossburg, $10.00; Cherry Mine, $9.00; Hocking Valley, $9.50; Cannel, Cut, $9.50; Indiana block, $9.00@9.50; Minonk, $8.00; Wilmington, $7.00.

CANNED GOODS—This market was only moderately active to-day, the inquiry being principally from the city retail trade. The prices given below were well sustained:

Peaches, 2 lb	$2.00@2.25
Peaches, 3 lb	2.25@2.50
Pears, 2 lb	2.25@2.50
Plums, damsons, 2 lb	2.25@2.50
Plums, green gages, 2 lb	3.00@3.50
Quinces, 2 lb	2.75@3.00
Strawberries, 2 lb	2.50@2.75
Raspberries	2.00@2.50
Blackberries, 2 lb	2.00@2.25
Gooseberries, 2 lb	2.25@2.50
Tomatoes, 2 lb	2.15@2.25
Tomatoes, 3 lb	2.60@2.70
Corn, Eight	2.80@3.00
Corn, Burnham's Harbor	2.75@2.85
Corn, Yarmouth	2.90@3.00
Peas, 2 lb	3.00@3.50
Lima beans, 2 lb	2.60@2.70
Succotash, 2 lb	2.75
Lobster, 2 lb	3.50
Lobster, 1 lb	2.25@2.50
Oysters, 2 lb	2.25
Oysters, 1lb	1.50
COOPERAGE—Was rather quiet, especially for packers' goods. Lard tierces quotable at $1.70@1.80; other descriptions were steady. We quote: Pork barrels, $1.45@1.50; lard tierces, $1.70@1.80; whiskey barrels, $2.15@2.25; flour barrels, 50@55c; staves and headings, $17.00@30.00 for pork barrels; flour staves, $8.50@9.00; circle flour headings, 8@9c ⅌ set; flour hoop poles, $18.00@20.00 ⅌ m; pork and tierce poles, $35.00@40.00 ⅌ m; whiskey barrel staves, $23.00@27.00 ⅌ m.

CALIFORNIA FRUITS—Continue to meet with a fair demand at former prices. We quote pears at $3.50 @4.50; grapes, 20@30c. Sales include 100 boxes East Brim at $4.00; 150 boxes winter nellis at $3.50@4.00; 100 lbs Rose Chief grapes at 30c; 100 lbs white Tokay at 25c; 100 lbs Muscat at 20c.

EGGS—Were in moderate request at 25@27c for prime; packed, 20@22c. The supply is ample for the present. Sales include 10 pkgs at 27c; 2,750 doz at 26c; 10 cases packed at 20; 20 pkgs do at 20c.

FEATHERS—Were in fair request at previous prices. We continue to quote: Prime live geese at 65@66c, from first hands; jobbing price 70@75c; mixed, 35@40c; chicken, 35@40c.

FISH—In the fish market only a slight change was noticeable. The demand was mainly to supply city wants. Following are the quotations: No. 1 whitefish, $5.00@5.25; No. 2, $4.75@5.00; No. 1, trout, $4.50@4.75; No. 1 shore mackerel, $11.00@11.25; No. 1 bay, $8.50@8.75; No. 2 bay mackerel, $7.00@7.25; No. 1, shore, pins, $1.85@1.90; bank codfish, $5.50@5.75; George's cod-fish, $6.50@7.00; box herring, 30@35c; box herring, scaled, 42@45c; Columbia River salmon, new, half bris, $10.00@10.25.

FRUITS AND NUTS—No new features were developed in connection with this market. A fair interior and local demand existed, and previous quotations were maintained: Dates, 8@9c; figs, old, drums, 12@13c; do new, 16@17c; figs, box, 18@19c; Turkey prunes, 1872, 10½@11c; do 1871, 8@9c; raisins, new, $2.35@2.40; raisins, new, $2.70@2.80; blackberries new, 11½@12c; raspberries, 25@27c; pitted cherries, 25@28c; peaches, pared, 21@23c; peaches halves, 16½@17c; do, mixed, 9@10c; currants, 1872, 9½@10c; do 1871, 8@8½c; apples, Southern, new, 6@6½c; do western, 7@7½c; Michigan, 8@9c. NUTS—Filberts, 16@18c; almonds, Tarragonas, 22c; English walnuts, 16@18c; Naples walnuts, 16@18c; Bordeaux, 14@15c; Grenoble, 14@15c; African peanuts, 7c; Wilmington peanuts, 8c; Tennessee peanuts, 8c.

GROCERIES—The grocery trade was again reported dull, both the local and interior demands being chiefly in the shape of small orders to supply current wants. Prices underwent no material change, ruling easy, as follows:

SUGARS—Cuba Muscovado, 7½@8c.

COFFEE—Mocha, 28@30c; Java, 28@30c; Java No. 2, 23@24c; fancy Rio, 22@23½c; choice do, 22½@22½c; prime Rio, 21½@22c; good do, 20½@21½c; common do, 19½@20c; Singapore, 23@23½c; Costa Rica, 22@23½c; Maricaibo, 22½@23c.

CANDLES—Star, full weight, 10½@11c; Stearine, 15½@16½c.

RICE—Patna, 8½@8¾c; Rangoon, 7¼@7½c; Carolina, 8½@8¾c.

SUGARS—Patent cut loaf, 12½@12¾c; crushed and powdered, 12½@12¾c; granulated, 12½@12¼c; A, standard, 12@12½c; do No. 2, 12½@12¾c; B, 12½@12¾c; extra C, 12½@12¾c; C, No. 2, 12¾@12¾c; yellow C, 11½@11¾c; choice brown, 11¼@11½c; prime do, 11@11¼c; fair do, 10½@10¾c; choice molasses sugar, 11¼@11½c; fair do, 9¼@9¾c.

STARCH—Diamond grits, $1.30@1.35; silver grits, extra fine, 7¾@7¾c; good sugar-house syrup, 45@50c; extra do, 80@85c; New Orleans molasses, choice, 80@85c; do common, 65@70c; Cuba molasses, choice, 60@65c; common molasses, 30@40c.

SPICES—Allspice, 17@18c; cloves, 22@30c; cassia, 40@43c; pepper, 20½@22½c; nutmegs, $1.25@1.50; ginger, pure, 28@30c; do No. 1, 20@25c; do No. 2, 15 @20c.

SOAPS—French mottled, 6½@6½c; German mottled, 7½@7½c; Golden West, 7@8c; White Lily, 8½@ 6½c; White Rose, 6½@6½c; brown Windsor, 4½@ 5½c; Palmer's Gem, 6½@7½c; Save Import, 7½@7½c.

STARCH—Glass, 9½@10c; corn,

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Society Life—Peeps Amongst the Neighbors.

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From Our Own Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20, 1872.

Female life in Washington is generally suspected by the suburban reader to possess queer features. If I had the disposition to write some entertaining fiction, I could probably tell a great deal of gossip which passes current here, but generally, when traced up, comes out of the wilful imaginations of mischief-bearing observers.

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in America is most frequently the love of his youth, the bride of his immature manhood, and, as he struggles up towards power, she follows after, bringing her provincialisms, frankness, and still little affectations with her. From my observation, I should say there are about a dozen wives in Washington City who are fully equal to the social responsibilities of taking charge of their great husbands' households.

THE FISHES.

Mrs. Fish is generally called the most sufficient of these ladies. She has a calm and interesting face, gracious manners, and fully holds its important hostess. She has been generally assisted by her daughter, who is full grown. Fish himself, although he has the reputation of being a quarreler, is a bland, agreeable host; and the domestic side of the State Department is perhaps as bright and pleasant as we could well make it.

THE MORGANS.

Mr. Morgan, of New York, who is said to be an aspirant for a Cabinet position, owns the house where Mr. Fish resides, and much real estate besides here. He has a grand wife also, and his hospitality was always large and impressive. But he is a man with a wooden head, and has a sort of carved look about him, which makes it surprising when one finds that he can really open that mouth and talk. Mr. Fish has also a sort of Mocpanzic look, rather wooden at first sight; but there is something in his expression which is kindly, and shrewd, and chirpful. But Morgan cannot chirp; the more deeply interested he becomes, the more wooden he gets.

THE MASSACHUSETTS HOUSE.

Some of the very highest dignitaries of the Government live most quietly. I believe Mr. Boutwell has never kept house since he inhabited Washington but had rooms, and eats at a boarding-house table with his family. Mrs. Boutwell is a good specimen of a shrewd, diligent, active-sifted, knowing Down-East householder. She will ask as many questions as the will answer, and on matters of private economy, orthodoxy, and administration, is perfect. Boutwell, Dawes, and Ben. Butler are now supposed to be contestants for the seat of Henry Wilson. If we were called upon to choose a man on account of his honesty and bigotry, we might select Boutwell. If we wanted to take up a man for his cunning and timorousness, we would select Dawes. If we wanted a quiet, kindly, well-disposed man, and even magnanimous, we would select Ben. Butler. I half hope Massachusetts will send Ben. Butler to the Senate; he will make some fun, and, perhaps, some money. The business of public life, of late years, lies chiefly in dragging out of the Federal Treasury more than the proper share from your own State. Butler can do this, and yet, perhaps, be a Massachusetts man with New York and Pennsylvania get together. Lincoln called Yates the great vote-getter; Butler is the great appropriation-getter.

THE KENNEDYS.

A very delightful house to visit in Washington is that of Joseph C. G. Kennedy, the former Superintendent of the Census, who presided over the enumerations of 1850 and 1860. Mr. Kennedy is of very remarkable descent,—on the one side derivable from Andrew Ellicott, the astronomer, engineer, and surveyor, who laid out Washington City, and on the other side from the founder of Ellicott's Mills, in Maryland, and, although a Quaker, he commanded a battalion of Maryland militia in the Revolutionary War. He fixed the boundaries of parts of Virginia, Pennsylvania, and New York; and his brother Joseph was one of the devisers of the City of Washington, and ran the boundary line of Georgia. When the present census was about to be taken, Mr. Kennedy was earnestly recommended for the position; but the President selected a younger and equally efficient man in General Walker. The machinery for taking the census, however, remained unchanged, much to the dissatisfaction of General Walker, who wanted a better classification and larger powers. Still, the two censuses taken by Mr. Kennedy are very readable and agreeable works.

In the census book of 1860, there is a history of the census of the United States and throughout modern nations which was written by the celebrated Joseph Wilson, formerly Commissioner of the Land Office. By this essay, it appears that the Canadians took a general census in 1676; and the Indian Massacre War occurred in the United States without any satisfactory census having been ascertained beforehand on which to base taxation, conscription, and such matters. It was supposed that the whole number of Americans during the Revolutionary War was somewhat less than 2,400,000. The first census was taken in 1790, and it was laid before Congress Oct. 27, 1791. The second census was taken before Dec. 8, 1801; but the first census of any enterprise was not taken until the fall of 1811.

Mr. Kennedy has a quiet residence in the old portion of the West-End of the city, near the house once inhabited by General Scott. He has an excellent library, peculiarly rich in what is called Americana, and merges his books are manuscripts of the Ellicotts, and a wonderful amount of travel and sojurn in Pennsylvania and Maryland. One of Mr. Kennedy's daughters married Bidwell, the grey sheep-raiser of the Pacific Coast. Mr. Kenney maintains agreeable relations with foreign Ministers, and that class of quiet and humdrum people who seldom get into the newspapers, and make wonderful comments for an evening-call.

You will have perceived by this time that I am writing a letter upon nothing in particular, and so we may as well dash off and tell about

MR. THORNTON, THE BRITISH MINISTER.

He is a queer-looking man, with an anxious face. He always seems to be walked nearly to death. You can see him any out in the suburbs with large shoes on his feet, his white-shop whiskers waving in the wind, as if he were the wandering Jew and had to move on. He has been, however, a very true and good friend of the United States, perhaps as kindly and loyal to the new Britain as to his native country. All the slay and ass about the Alabama Treaty fell on Thornton's shoulders; for he devised the scheme of settling the difficulty, and ushering the era of good feeling. Whenever an Englishman comes to town, Thornton made him put on his boots and go on a walkin' trip, and the man is fortunate if he returns to Washington without rawness around ankles and heels. What in the world the talk about in these long walks is a subject of great anxiety among the average Washingtonians. Mrs. Thornton does not like the Arcadian climate, and is rather delicate. When Tiernan comes, the London *Times* prided itself to him because he was not a Scotchman or something or other with a handle to it. So he has moved him up and made him a Baronet. He lives in a very interesting old house belonging to Knapp, of Pittsburgh, gunmaker, and keeps several horses. It would be impossible that anybody in Washington who does not keep this perfectly simple-mannered, kind-hearted, and generous Englishman.

By the way, Thornton's name reminds me of

LORD LYONS AND THE LITTLE BELL.

I saw Ed. Webster—who used to be Assistant Secretary of State—at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, a few days ago, and I asked him seriously what Seward ever said that he had a little bell on his desk ring and send a man instantly, at the sound of the bell, to Fort Lafayette or Fort Warren.

"I tell you," said Webster, "just how that happened. In a familiar conversation between Lord Lyons and Mr. Seward, the former contended that Republican forms of government gave no power to the heads of the Executive at the proper time, and, therefore, while all such liberty as ours was good enough in time of peace, America must be necessarily weaker than England in time of war. Seward said that the contrary was the case, and that a republican form of government was the strongest of all, for war as for peace; and then he gave the illustration of the little bell, which happened to be beside him. Said he: 'I can touch this bell as Secretary of State, and, backed by a general and resolute public opinion, I can arrest any person on this Continent, because no man is of consequence when the whole thing is imperilled as we see it now, and no individual's wrongs can stop the machinery which I direct.' This conversation," said Mr. Webster, "got out, and the Democratic press made a great grievance of it, whereas Seward was always a kindly, well-disposed man, and the last person in the world to be a despot."

WEED TO REWARD.

I asked Webster how Thurlow Weed and Seward compared with each other. "Well," said he, "Weed is the greater of the two. Seward's scholarship, and the fine tone it gave him, qualified him for high and honorable positions such as he held; but Weed is a man of original character, splendid judgment, and great power of combining forces and detaching men from wayward currents. As a writer, Weed is scarcely remembered amongst you young fellows, because you all know him better as a politician; but, in that literary aspect, he has been a wonder in his time, and Seward always admired his clear, strong diction. Seward and Weed never forgave Greeley, not for attacking them, but because of the manner of it."

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Said I: "Would they have not given Greeley an office if they had known he had wanted one in those days?"

"Yes," said Webster, "anything within their estimation of his capacity; but, as to making him a leading Cabinet officer, neither man would have said aye to that proposition."

"At the same time," said Mr. Webster, "I think they were all a little wrong. Greeley's behavior in this last campaign has astonished the oldest chaps. His resources are greater than we supposed, and his promptness, fluency, and general good nature have left him out of the campaign, although badly beaten, still, on the whole, no disgrace to the folks who nominated him."

THE HOUSE OF USHER.

From Seward to the Seward house is a short jump. I was walking up the street, with General Belknap, the other day, and we passed under the mansion where Seward resided so long, and where Payne stabbed him.

"General," said I "do you remember a reception you gave one night, when those four rooms in the second story were all crowded? I call it to your mind because, perhaps, you did not know that a whisper ran suddenly around the room that the old house was mighty shaky, and might fall down with the weight of guests, and that a good many got out."

"Yes," said Belknap, "I did hear about it, and it was a shaky old place. We were particular, after that, about bringing so many people into it."

Mr. Belknap then said that a distinguished public man had cautioned him about going into that house to live.

Said this man: "Belknap, no man ever lived in that house who did not meet with a death, assassination, or something. Seward's occupation of the place was a series of misfortunes and deaths. When it was a club-house, the Sickles murder, and a lot of other events of dark cast, took place in it and about it."

The consequence has been, that Seward's house is given up as a residence, and it is now one of the military offices. General Belknap has not escaped some of the evil occurrences of the neighborhood, and, although he has spent four years dutifully and quietly here, he has lost his estimable wife, and his oldest son is seized with a disorder of the lungs, and has had to go to Santa Fe for recuperation.

THE CAMERONIAN PHALANSTERY.

I was at Willard's Hotel yesterday when the Pennsylvania gang started from the White House to ask that some chap by the name of Truman be made Postmaster. Old Simon Cameron led the way, grim and Scotchy, with white hair and sharp features, looking like the Whiskey-Insurrection personified. A bow-legged chap by the name of Stokely, Mayor of Philadelphia, used his legs with great activity to keep up with Simon, because the old Hundred-year-Old moves with enormous rapidity when there is anything to capture. Then a man called Hartranuff by those Democrats who were unable to pronounce his name when they sold out to him, moved along, dark, swarthy, and tall; and Bill Mann, and a lot of members of Congress followed in rubbers, dressed in suspiciously handsome suits of clothes. I looked at those gentlemen recoiling, and was amazed to find how few of them could carry a suit of clothes; for the seams in the backs of all appeared to be awry, as if the original man had no natural fitness for good clothes. In a few moments, the crowd came back chopfallen, and every man crawled into the bar and took his drink as if he was throwing it into his stomach. They damned the Civil Service left and right, and it was plain to be seen that by the Civil Service they meant enlightenment and the other awkward proprieties of life.

THE FEMALE SLASHING WRITER.

To return again to the female topic: Grace Greenwood, a fine, composed, and interesting woman, had been in Washington for some time, but is now said to meditate a return to California to pass the winter. We have about two female writers in this city who are sufficiently worldly-wise and well-informed to match the lightness and frivolity of the merely gossiping. These are Mrs. Lippincott, whom mankind knows by the name of "Grace Greenwood," and Mrs. Mary C. Ames. Both are married ladies. Mrs. Ames appears to be a New York or New England lady, the wife of a clergyman at the town of Harper's Ferry. She is the most industrious woman in the profession, and is expected, I believe, during the sessions of Congress, to produce a daily letter, and I believe, some occasional editorial matter, she is employed by the Bowens, who own the New York *Independent* and a Brooklyn paper called the *Union*. "Grace Greenwood" is about 50 years old, and still handsome and imposing, and she is employed by the New York *Times*. She is a native of Onondaga County, New York, which seems to have produced more men and women of current influence upon mankind than almost any county in America.

These ladies are remarkable in one respect, which deserves mention: they do not consider that all mankind wants to know everything about mere newspaper correspondents, and I believe that neither of them has yet bounced into their profession, and then slipped out to write up every contemporary writer whom they familiarly met. The same cannot be said of either all the writing men or women here, some of whom it is a penalty to meet, and whose good estimation is a little more dangerous than their dislike. A newspaper man or woman, who keeps continually reciting the history of Jenkins, Jones, and the other men in the same business, must have small resources in the way of general intelligence.

By the way, a railroad man met me some time ago, and told me that one of the great and gushing female writers had systematically raped him to the extent of $50 three or four times, on pretense of doing some unsolicited puffing for his interests. This is an open business of give and take, and the woman coming into it should take her rights like a man.

THE BIG WIGS.

The Supreme Court is now in session, and most of the Justices are here, and a right genial company they make. The great David Davis, absent-minded, and a splendid appetiser for anybody fortunate enough to see him, walks up the street with his big cane, and is even said to climb Capitol Hill, although of this we all entertain doubts. The Chief Justice is not here, and, when in the city, he resides at a manor-house in the environs. Davis boards now, as always, at the old National Hotel. Judge Field has a nice residence on Capitol Hill,—a part of the old Capitol Prison,—and he is said to be the most persistent reader of new literature of any Government official. He has an interesting wife and family, and to sit down and talk with them five minutes is to get more suggestions than you can find in the Encyclopædia. Judge Miller, of this Court, keeps bachelor's hall for the present on Capitol Hill, while his wife is recruiting her health in Europe. Judge Swayne, who is one of the most successful and modest of all these Judges, moves about quietly, and is comforted by a number of goodly and flourishing boys who have grown up to active life and are a matter of pride to him. Mrs. Sprague, daughter of the Chief Justice, has three children, and Mrs. Hoyt has one; so that, if the great head of the Treasury has never been President, he has some grandchildren that may be.

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Hall, Kimbark & Co.

Messrs. Hall, Kimbark & Co. have within the past few days taken possession of their noble business premises Nos. 80, 82, and 84 Michigan avenue, rebuilt by them on the site of their former store. It would not be easy to find among the entire range of mercantile structures on the continent one better fitted for the use to which it is devoted. In fact, it embodies throughout all the experience of this leading and veteran firm in its line. Every feature of the exterior, wrought in the finest dressed stone, is expressive of solidity and strength, and within, from basement to roof, strength and breadth are everywhere declared. The floors would sustain a colony of locomotives. They are loaded with all varieties of the hardware and metal stock comprised in the multifarious lines of this firm of whom in these specialties it may be said without invidiousness that they have no equals in amount of trade. But in this connection we have yielded to the special call to give them the credit due for a mercantile building to be studied by all who desire to know how strength can be combined with ornateness in a wholesale store. The location of the store immediately upon the railway track demonstrated its utility in the epizootic visitation, for the iron horse, whose nostrils are never loaded with rhenm, delivered and received its loads daily without interruption from these premises, enabling them to continue their country trade without interruption.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

THE CITY OF GOD AND THE CHURCH-MAKERS. By R. ABBEY, New York: Hurd & Houghton.

Mr Abbey thinks that, heretofore, religious writers have been taken too much on trust, and that the blind following of their erroneous teachings in theology and ecclesiastical science makes it a wonder that the Church lives and thrives. He searches the pages of two hundred of the prominent Christian authors, and makes a summary statement of twenty-four "glaring and dangerous errors," which "form a large amount of the common creed of the Church." Against these he sets twenty-four theological theorems of his own, which, he assures us, are "not only true, but will probably be held incontrovertible." Doubtless they will, until another Abbey comes to cry in the wilderness of dogmatic religious discussion. This peremptory spirit in which Mr. Abbey sets up and pulls down theological truths, is sufficient evidence that he, too, is addicted to the hopelessly-unreasonable and *ex-cathedra* methods which render nine-tenths of the literature of his province worthless for purposes of real development of the truth.

KALOOLAH: OR ADVENTURES OF JONATHAN ROBBIN, OF NANTUCKET. By W. S. MAYO, M. D. New York: G. P. Putnam & Sons. Chicago: Jansen, McClurg & Co.

"Kaloolah" was first published in 1849. It made great stir in that generation of readers; and went through four editions in four months. Putnam has reissued it in handsome form, and it will no doubt be widely read again; for, as the records of our libraries show, it is one of those productions of a vivid fancy and creative power which are always in demand. A book so well known need not be reviewed; but, for the benefit of those whose literary incursions have gone back a generation, it may be said that Kaloolah was a Princess of the Framazugda, a white race of Africa. Romer, a Nantucket adventurer, spies the fair maiden in a slave-mart on the West Coast of Africa, and buys her with her brother; and the story recounts his adventures, his returning them to their home in South Africa, his own subsequent capture by the Bedouins, his marriage of Kaloolah from slave-traders, and his safe escort to her home, where they are married. Many points of resemblance have been found by the critics between this charming work and the equally charming "Types" of Melville. But such likeness is accidental, as "Kaloolah" was written before "Types" was issued.

A HANDBOOK OF CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY. By BROOKE WAGNER, PH. D. Translated and Edited from the Eighth German Edition by WILLIAM CROOKES, F. R. S. With 336 Illustrations. New York: Appleton & Co. Chicago: W. B. Keen & Cooke.

Chemical technology, as treated by this volume, is that branch of industrial science which relates to the processes and methods by which the nature of raw materials is changed. Students and manufacturers who seek to learn the secrets of the economization of raw material, of fuel, and of time, will find much of value in this handbook. Its eight sections treat of: 1. Chemical metallurgy, alloys, and preparations made and obtained from metals; 2. Combustible materials, and products of chemical industry; 3. Technology of glass, ceramic ware, gypsum, lime, and mortar; 4. Vegetable fibres, and their technical application; 5. Animal substances and their industrial applications; 6. Dyeing and calico-printing; 7. The materials and apparatus for producing artificial light; fuel and heating apparatus. Under this head is the Chemical Chemistry, the latest methods of preparing iron, cobalt, nickel, copper, copper salts, lead and tin and their salts, bismuth, zinc, zinc salts, cadmium, antimony, arsenic, mercury, platinum, silver, gold, manganates, aluminum, and magnesium are described, together with the applications of the Voltaic current to electro-metallurgy, under which we fail to find mention of the important art of nickel-plating. The preparation of potash and soda salts, the manufacture of sulphuric acid, and the recovery of sulphur from soda waste, the manufacture of soap, and the production of potash from sugar residues are fully treated. Under the technology of vegetable fibres we have instructions concerning the manufacture of flax, hemp, and cotton, and paper-making. The applications of vegetable products include sugar-boiling, wine and beer brewing, the distillation of spirits, the baking of bread, vinegar-making, etc.

American readers would find the book more useful with an American appendix; but, as it is, it doubtless presents more and better information than any other hand book yet published.

THE FORMS OF WATER IN CLOUDS AND RIVERS, ICE AND GLACIERS. By JOHN TYNDALL, LL. D., F. R. S. With 36 Illustrations, Drawn and Engraved Under the Direction of the Author. New York: D. Appleton & Co. Chicago: W. B. Keen & Cooke.

Appleton & Co.—encouraged, no doubt, by the great success of their *Popular Science Monthly*—have determined to issue an "International Scientific Series" of books devoted to the popularization of physical and social science. Professor Huxley, Dr. John Lubbock, Professor Virchow, Mr. Herbert Spencer, Mr. J. M. Lockyer, Professor Berthelot, Professor James D. Dana, Professor B. W. Johnson, Professor Austin Flint, Professor W. D. Whitney, and other eminent leaders in scientific investigation, are to contribute their latest and best work in their own specialties. The wide range of topics embraces the specific questions of "Physics and Politics," "The New Chemistry," "Spectrum Analysis," "Mind in the Lower Animals," "Social Physics," "The Negro Races," "Zoology since Cuvier," "The Nervous System," "Modern Linguistic Science," "Atoms and the Atomic Theory," "Responsibility in Disease," "Employment and the Gold Theory," "The Antiquity of Man," "Food and Drinks," "Bodily Motion and Consciousness," and several others of no less significance and interest.

Professor Tyndall commences the series with this charming work on the forms of water. He does not discuss the chemistry of water, nor its physical properties distinctively. He talks most of its dynamics, or laws of motion, the vividness of Professor Tyndall's style; his imaginative powers, which he uses scientifically; the ease of his narrative; the thorough trustworthiness of his views, have been, particularly of late, so often described that nothing need be said here about them, save the assurance that all these eminent characteristics mark this work as strongly as all his others. A few extracts will show the character of the book:

Of the wave-theory of light he says:

Dip your finger into a basin of water and cause it to quiver rapidly to and fro. From the point of disturbance there small ripples, which are carried by the water past those which finally reach the margin. By shaking finger, you have a source of agitation; in the water you have a vehicle through which the finger's motion is transmitted, and you have, finally, the sides of the basin, which receive the shock of the little waves. In like manner, according to the wave theory of light, you have a source of agitation in the vibrating atoms, or smallest particles, of the luminous body; you have a vehicle of transmission in a substance which is supposed to fill all space and to be diffused through the humors of the eye; and, finally, you have the retina, which receives the successive shocks of the waves.

Of evaporation:

A common sunbeam contains waves of all kinds, but it is possible to sift or filter the beam so as to intercept all the light and to allow the obscure heat to pass unimpeded. For substances have been discovered which, while intensely opaque to the light-waves, are almost transparent to the others. On the other hand, it is possible by the same choice of proper substances to intercept in a great degree the pure heat-waves, and to allow the pure light-waves free transmission. This last separation is, however, not as perfect as the first. We shall learn presently how to detach the one class of waves from the other, and to prove that waves competent to light a fire, fuse metal, or burn the hand like a hot scald may exist in a perfectly dark place. Supposing, then, that we withdraw, in the first instance, the large heat-waves, and allow the light-waves alone to pass. These may be concentrated by suitable means, and sent into water without sensibly warming it. Let the light-waves now be withdrawn, and the large heat-waves concentrated in the same manner; they may be sent into a bell vessel of water instantaneously. You now perceive the important participated by these large darkness-waves, if I may use the term, in the work of evaporation. When they plunge into seas, lakes, and rivers, they are observed at close to the surface, and they heat the water at the surface, thus causing it to evaporate; the light-waves at the same time entering the great depths without sensibly heating the water through which they pass.

Not only, therefore, is it the sun's power which produces evaporation, but a particular element of that power the existence of which you probably were not aware of.

Nearly everyone is familiar with the fact that water, when it freezes into ice, floats. It follows the laws of contraction, under the influence of cold, down to 39 degrees F. It then begins to expand, and, when at 32 degrees F. it has crystallized as ice, it is much lighter than the water. This familiar fact has been often cited as a beneficent exception to the usual course of crystallization, which would make the ice sink as fast as formed, and would very soon freeze every lake, sea, and river solid. Great use has been made of this "solitary fact." Count Rumford, probably the most scientific mind America has yet produced, next to Franklin, and whom Tyndall calls "one of the most solid of scientific men," said that, "Had not Providence interfered on this occasion in a manner which may well be considered as supreme, all the fresh water within the Polar Circle must inevitably have been frozen to a very great depth in winter, and every plant and tree destroyed." Professor Tyndal replies:

Through many pages of his book Count Rumford continues in this strain to expound the ways and intentions of the Almighty, and he does not hesitate to apply very harsh words to those who cannot share his notions. * * We are here warned of the fact, which is too often forgotten, that the pleasure or comfort of a belief, or the warmth of exaltation of feeling which it produces, is no guarantee of its truth. * * * Water is not a solitary exception to an otherwise general law. There are other molecules than those of this liquid which require more room in the solid crystalline condition than in the solid or fluid condition. Iron is a case in point. Solid iron floats upon molten iron exactly as ice floats upon water. Bismuth is a still more impressive case, and we could shiver a bomb at certainty by the solidification of bismuth as by that of water. There is no fish to be taken care of here, still the "contrivance" is the same. I am reluctant to mention them in the same breath with Count Rumford, but I am told that in our own day there are people who profess to find the comfort of a religion in a superstition lower than any that he hitherto degraded the civilized human mind. Life, and the conditions of life, are in necessary harmony. This is a truism, for without the suitable conditions life could not exist. But both life and its conditions set forth the operations of inscrutable power. We know not its origin; we know not its end. And the presumption, if not the degradation, rests with those who place upon the throne of the universe a magnified image of themselves and make its doings a mere colossal imitation of their own.

No finer example could be given of the bright fancy with which Tyndall illuminates his topics than his opening pages, in which he traces Alpen ice to its source:

Go to the mouth of the River Rhone, and trace it backward to Lyons, where it turns to the east. Bending round by Chambery, you come at length to the Lake of Geneva, from which the river rushes, and which you might believe to be formed as the source of the Rhone. But go to the lake, and you find that the Rhone there enters it; that the lake is, in fact, a kind of expansion of the river. Follow this upward, you find it joined by smaller rivers from the mountains, right and left. Pursue the river by your journey still higher. You come at length to a huge mass of ice,—the end of a glacier,—which fills the Rhone Valley; and, from the bottom of the glacier, the river issues. In imagination you follow this river to the source of the River Rhone. But again, we have not reached the realbegining of the river. You soon convince yourself that this earliest water of the Rhone is produced by the melting of the ice. You get upon the glacier, and work upwards along it. After a time, the ice disappears, and you come upon snow. If you are a competent mountaineer, you may go to the very top of this great snow-field, and, if you cross the top, and descend at the other side, you finally quit the snow, and get upon another glacier, called the Trift, from the end of which rushes a tributary river than the Rhone. You soon learn that the mountain-snow feeds the glacier, and, sooner or other, its snow is converted into ice. But whence comes the snow? Like the rain, it comes from the clouds, which, as before, can be traced to vapor raised by the sun. Without solar fire, we could have no atmospheric vapor; without vapor, no clouds; without clouds, no snow; and, without snow, no glaciers. *Curious, then, is the conclusion, that the cold ice of the Alps has its origin in the heat of the sun.*

CAMPING OUT: AS RECORDED BY "KIM." Edited by G. A. STEPHENS. Illustrated. Boston: James R. Osgood & Co. Chicago: Cobb, Andrews & Co.

"Kim" writes, in a rough and ready style, the story of his sudden introduction to "Wash" and "Reed" on the occasion of a railroad smash-up,—"one of our peculiarly 'national' institutions,"—and their subsequent adventures, aquatic, venatorial, piscatorial, and other, in searching in Maine for the "lost lode," concerning which there was a legend that a Penobscot Indian, while hunting moose near Mount Katahdin, had found, on one of the northern peaks or spurs of the ridge, a lode of lead, so pure that he had cut off enough for bullets of it with his knife to run into bullets. With the profits of this discovery, Wash, and Read, and Kit meant to buy themselves a yacht. They had coon-hunts, lynx-hunts, bear-hunts, wildcat-hunts, moose-hunts, all sorts of adventures and scrapes. There are some very good illustrations, which, with the lively text, make a good book for boys, or for those who have been boys, or even for those rarer creatures who have only a secondary interest in the male species.

KEEL AND SADDLE; A RETROSPECT OF FORTY YEARS OF MILITARY AND NAVAL SERVICE. By Joseph W. Revere. Boston: James R. Osgood & Co. Chicago: Jansen, McClurg & Co.

General Revere tells, in a pleasant way, the incidents of a life of varied adventure. He entered the United States Navy at the age of 14; cruised the Pacific and the West Indies; assisted in the suppression of the slave-trade on the West Coast of Africa; went to Russia and Siberia; visited the sunny shores of the Mediterranean; had a midnight walk with Lady Hester Stanhope, the English lady of Sidon; went everywhere. To behrief, he followed Dr. Johnson's exhortation to let observation, with extensive view, survey mankind from China to Peru. His autobiography not only gives a great deal of information about the lands and people he has visited, but there is a great deal of adventure of it, of doubtless presents more and better information than any other hand book yet published.

THE FORMS OF WATER IN CLOUDS AND RIVERS, ICE AND GLACIERS. By JOHN TYNDALL, LL. D., F. R. S. With 36 Illustrations, Drawn and Engraved Under the Direction of the Author. New York: D. Appleton & Co. Chicago: W. B. Keen & Cooke.

This volume of the "Illustrated Library of Travel, Exploration, and Adventure," which Scribner is issuing under the direction of Bayard Taylor, who knows, if any American does, what pertains to this field of literature, gives a review of the marvelous features and phenomena of the grand park in the Rocky Mountains, beginning at the verge of the Valley of the Yellowstone. There is much more in it than the recital of the ordinary incidents of exploration. The volcanic phenomena of that wonderful region are described, and its geology and climatology are given with scientific accuracy. Illustrations are given of the Geysers, the Hot Springs of Gardner's River, the Mud Volcano, Yellowstone Lake, and other natural curiosities and scenes of interest.

Books Received.

OUT OF THE CLOUDS: INTO THE LIGHT. SEVENTEEN DISCOURSES ON THE LEADING DOCTRINES OF THE DAY. By the late Rev. WILLIAM MICKLES, M. D. Together with a Memoir of the Author, by his son, the Rev. JOSEPH MICKLES. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co.

THE LIVES OF ULYSSES S. GRANT AND HON. HENRY WILSON. Philadelphia: T. B. Peterson & Bro.

SPANISH SELF-TAUGHT. By FRANK THIEM. New York: Dick & Fitzgerald. Chicago: W. B. Keen & Cooke.

HOWARD'S RECITATIONS, COMIC, SERIOUS, AND PATHETIC. By CLARENCE J. HOWARD. New York: Dick & Fitzgerald. Chicago: W. B. Keen & Cooke.

TREASURES ON THE FIVE SENSES. By JOHN BYOLE, M. D. Printed for the Author, Chicago.

NICK HARDY. By FARR LUDLOW. Boston: Henry A. Young & Co. Chicago: Cobb, Andrews & Co.

THE HILLS OF THE SHATEMUC. By the Author of "The Wide, Wide World." Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co. Chicago: Jansen, McClurg & Co.

THE DOVE IN THE EAGLE'S NEST. By Miss YONGE. New York: D. Appleton & Co. Chicago: Jansen, McClurg & Co.

THE PILGRIMS. A Poem, By the Rev. Professor W. S. BLANCHARD. Chicago: Goodspeed's Empire Publishing House.

CHINA.

How the Emperor Was Married—The Imperial Household—The Sovereign's Character.

From the Pall Mall Gazette.

At an age when English boys are pursuing their studies at Eton or Harrow the Emperor of China has taken upon himself the responsibilities of matrimony. The telegram which proclaims the fact is brief in the extreme. We are merely told that "the Emperor of China was married at Pekin, on the 16th of October. There was no public ceremony outside the palace, beyond the procession to bring the bride thither, and the whole affair passed off very quietly." The prosaic tenor of this announcement are an accurate reflection of the mechanical nature of the contract. Even the small degree of freedom which, under the stringent rules of Chinese etiquette, is accorded to private individuals is forbidden to the Son of Heaven. In strict compliance with the laws laid down in the "Rituals" tempered, it must be added, with no small amount of political jobbery, the officers appointed for the purpose, select out of the millions of small-footed inhabitants of China, one to be the Empress. Her future husbands tastes are no more considered in the choice than if he were a lay figure; and should the lady prove herself to be, as she sometimes been the case, the "better horse," he lapses into nonentity, and takes refuge in the fascinations of his harem from the worry of public affairs. In these fascinations lie the principal obstacles to the Emperors of China pursuing a career of usefulness and honor, especially when, as in the present instance, the occupier of the throne is but a boy.

As there was no court newsmen present on the 16th of October to chronicle all that was done and said within the Palace, and as "Rituals" are silent as to any special form of ceremony on the occasion of an imperial wedding, we must take it for granted that no more intricate service was performed than that required to unite a Square Chang with a Miss Lew. But with regard to the constitution of the imperial household the above-mentioned "Rituals" give us fuller information. The number of the wives and concubines is so arranged as to form a series in geometrical progression, with three as its common ratio. Thus, by law—for the "Rituals" have the force of law—the Emperor is compelled to take unto himself, besides the Empress, three ladies as *petites femmes* of the first degree—these have already been selected for his Imperial Majesty—nine of the second degree, twenty-seven of the third degree, and nine times nine concubines. With equal precision the various duties of these ladies are minutely laid down, and not much latitude as to the choice of his companions appears to be allowed to the Emperor after his marriage than in the original selection of the members of his household. For instance, no matter on what terms he may happen to be with the Empress, he is obliged, in compliance with an ancient theory, sanctioned by Confucius and hallowed by the approval of the wisest men of China, to seek her society alone, at the recurrence of every full moon, and only then. As the moons wax and wane, rules equally stringent meet him at every turn, and unless he be strong enough to throw aside his Ritualistic trammels, he must submit to a life of dull routine. But while the "Rituals" present such an abject picture of the Imperial life, they provide abundant and varied occupation for the inmates of the harem. The numerous sacrifices, rites, and duties connected with the internal administration of the palace, apart from all political intriguing, leave the Empress and the three principal *petites femmes* little time in which to be idle. To each of the nine *petites femmes* of the second rank is told off a "squad" of nine of the eighty-one concubines, for instruction in all the arts and accomplishments which adorn female life in China; in sacrificial and religious rites they take part, and they attend on the Empress when she receives visitors. To duties of the same kind is added, in the case of the rank below these, the superintendence of the women servants of the palace. From each of the eighty-one concubines is annually expected a certain amount of plain and embroidered work. On the occasion of the funeral of the Empress, they hold the wings which decorate the coffin, and on the occasion of any great pageantry within the Palace, it falls to their lot to march in front of the corpse. One more thing is required of them, compared with which every other duty appears as light as air; to their tact and persuasive powers is intrusted the responsibility of suppressing the jealousies which not unnaturally arise in a household consisting of a hundred and twenty ladies and only one lord.

Of the personal character of the young Emperor little or nothing is known outside the yellow-tiled walls of the Palace. He is said to be childish in his tastes and amusements, and if this be true, surrounded as he is by all that is calculated to foster idleness and sensuality, the prospect of the future before him is not encouraging. The stuff of which the Emperors who founded the established Chinese dynasty were made seems to have disappeared with the urgent necessity for constant and vigorous action. It is difficult to recognize in the last occupant of the throne,—who, before he was 30, died, it may fairly be said, of a too yielding obedience to the "Rituals,"—a descendant of men like Hung-he or Kien-lung, each of whom ruled the million of China for fifty years, and, dying, left monuments of their literary and administrative ability which will last as long as China remains an Empire and its language endures to vex the intelligence of those who attempt to pry into its mysteries.

AGENTS WANTED.

AGENTS WANTED—FOR CLARK'S DOUBLE Spring Steel Needles. We allow the profits on our goods that can be offered by any other party in America, and guarantee steady income of $20 to $50 a month to the right men. Address, stating business. Those who have had the ill luck to visit the brazen nuisance in Mount Morris, who represents our goods as coils, need only use ordinary business prudence to know our goods are 50 per cent better, and that he who tries to injure our goods knows they are better, and is a dishonest scoundrel. If this appears too strong, call at our office and see letters from parties who have bought from him, and we will show them the same and at the same time convince them all that the man referred to copied from our circulars sufficient material to start his business. See what he has, then sell your goods and settle the matter in your own mind. MERRILL & CO., 25 West Lake-st.

AGENTS WANTED—FOR THE CITY AND COUNTRY to sell an article needed in every house; good compensation to the right men. Address ELASTIC BROOM CO., 28 South Canal-st.

AGENTS WANTED—PROFITABLE EMPLOYment. We wish to employ gentlemen and ladies to solicit orders for our celebrated Improved Shuttle Shuttle Sewing Machine. Stitch alike on both sides. It will sew, hem, fell, tuck, cord, braid, bind, gather, and ruffle, and sew from the finest nainsook to heavy cloth, coatings and leather. For further particulars, address JOHN HENDERSON & CO., Cleveland, Ohio, or St. Louis, Mo.

AGENTS WANTED — COMMERCIAL AGENTS will find it to their interest to call upon the Elastic Broom Company, 28 South Canal-st., Chicago, Ill.

AGENTS WANTED—GOOD CANVASSERS ARE making $10 to $15 a day with my goods; every article is new and as staple as flour; samples free. C. M. LIMINGTON, 82 West Monroe-st., Chicago.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A FINE COLLECTION OF GEOLOGICAL SPECIMENS on exhibition at KELLY & ROWISON'S, 226 Sedgwick-st.

HIGHEST CASH PRICE PAID FOR CAST-OFF clothing, old gold, silver, and diamonds of any description of valuables, by sending a letter to ABRAHAM WILSON, 167 South Clark-st.

INTELLIGENCE OFFICE—FOR GIRLS APPLY AT the new Intelligence Office, corner of State and Eighteenth-sts., over drug store. A good German girl for general housework wanted.

J. C. BARTLETT, 252 EAST MADISON-ST., AGENT for American Watches—Hereafter I will retail all American Watches 25 per cent below factory price-list. Old-time customers will find it to their interest to call and silver watches for sale, at half usual price.

L. DOWNING & CO. WILL DO ALL KINDS OF plastering, brick work, setting boilers, mantels, etc. Leave orders at 167 West Madison-st.

WANTED—AN INTEREST IN A GOOD INSURance agency in city. Address N 18, Tribune office.

WANTED—A LOT IN ROSE HILL CEMETERY, centrally located. Apply to DICKSON & COOPER, 120 Washington-st.

WEDGWOOD'S BAND IS PREPARED TO FURnish music for private parties, balls, &c. Office 67 South Clark-st., Room 15. J. A. WEDGWOOD, Leader and Promoter.

FINANCIAL.

MODERATE SUMS ON HOUSES AND LOTS, on contracts, and secured paper. E. D. BEARDSLEY, 84 and 86 Dearborn-st., Room 16.

SHORT DATE LOANS ON REAL ESTATE PAPER, warehouse receipts, and collaterals. L. E. CARSWELL, Room 65, Exchange Building, corner Clark and Washington-sts.

TO LOAN—$100,000 FOR 5 OR 10 YEARS, AT 10 per cent; may be divided into two or three sums, to suit. Also, another of $6,000; security must be upon improved city property, where the value of the ground exceeds the amount of the loan. NORMAN C. PERKINS, Rooms 8, 12, and 14 Kendall's Building.

WANTED—I WILL PAY THE HIGHEST PRICE, in cash, for claims against all bankrupt insurance companies. J. H. U

FOREIGN.

The French Assembly Divided Into Six Political Factions.

Further Expeditions to Africa—Aid for Livingstone.

Carlist and Revolutionary Troubles in Spain.

Accidents to an Atlantic Steamer.

FRANCE.

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—The *Herald's* Paris correspondent says, in regard to the division of the political forces in the Assembly, there are now six distinct groups: First, Extreme Left or Republican Union; second, Republican Left or Moderate Republicans; Left Centre or (still More Moderate Republicans; fourth, Centre Right, who prefer Orleanism; fifth, the Right, who desire monarchy, prefering Henry the Fifth; and sixth, the Extreme Right, who believe in extreme legitimist notions, the white flag, the Pope, and no dynasty not a thousand years old.

The first section of very extreme Radicals numbers seventy members, and here Louis Blanc may be found. The Left numbers 160, and has men like Grevy in it. The third or Centre Left has 140 members under the lead of Chanzy, and who own themselves Republicans of the Thiers school. The Centre Right contains 100 members, headed by Duc de Broglie, Duc d'Audraiffet, Pasquin, and the Orleanists. The Moderate Right has 120 members, while sixty Deputies sit on the Extreme Right, waiting for Henry and his white flag under the lead of Comte De Beauregard.

No party has a majority, and M. Thiers exists by dealing with the six parties like a juggler with six eggs on six plates, one in his hand. He never holds more than one party at one time, and keeps the rest spinning through the air.

PARIS, Nov. 24.—General Admirault, Governor of Paris, has suppressed the Radical journal *La Résurrection*.

PARIS, Nov. 24.—The situation at Versailles is unchanged. Each party proposes its own solution of the difficulty. No two of them have yet been able to adopt a common line of policy. The President awaits the action of the Assembly, and meantime the crisis continues.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—At a meeting of the Royal Geographical Society in London, Nov. 11, the President, Major General Sir Henry Rawlinson, said, in his inaugural: "Let it be understood, once for all, that there is not the remotest ground for questioning the accuracy of Mr. Stanley's statement of his meeting with Livingstone. So satisfied are Livingstone's friends, in England, that the Lualaba River is identical with the Congo, that they have originated an independent relief expedition, to be called the Livingstone Congo Expedition, which will rendezvous at St. Paul De Loando, and have the cordial support of the Portuguese authorities. The Court of Lisbon are very desirous to open the Congo to civilized trade.

A rival German expedition is preparing for the same region.

Another Livingstone relief party will set out about the last of the present month. It will penetrate West Africa from Sierra Leone, under command of a young English navy officer selected by the Geographical Society. Livingstone's friend, J. Young, of Kelly, has contributed $10,000 for its expenses, to which will be added subscriptions from the public and the Treasury of the Society. Several papers were read, all agreeing that Livingstone's recent explorations are along the tributaries of the Congo and not the Nile.

LONDON, Nov. 24.—Lewis, Conservative, has been returned to Parliament from Londonderry.

QUEENSTOWN, Nov. 24.—The steamship City of Brooklyn, which sailed from this port on the 15th, for New York, lost the fans of her propeller, and put back under sail, arriving here last night. Her passengers will embark for New York on the steamer which has been provided for them. The City of Brooklyn will return to Liverpool to obtain a new propeller.

SPAIN.

MADRID, Nov. 24.—The condition of the King of Spain is gradually improving.

Admiral Alden left Madrid on Friday evening for Carthagena, whence the American fleet were to sail yesterday for Nice.

The telegraphic wires between Barcelona and Saragossa have again been cut. A band of armed Republicans has appeared in the vicinity of Arcos de la Frontera, in Andalusia.

The insurrectionary organization in the province of Valencia has dissolved, and the troops are in pursuit of the band near Medina Sodonia.

LONDON, Nov. 25—1:20 a. m.—Mail advices from Madrid report slight disturbances in the Capital last Monday on account of drawings for military conscription. The lines of telegraph to Barcelona, Gerona, Bavilla, and Cadiz were cut.

ITALY.

ROME, Nov. 24, a. m.—A meeting of radicals called for to-day, having been prohibited, trouble was expected and troops were posted yesterday in the principal square and at all strong points in the city. The radicals have as yet made no organized attempt to resist the Government's orders, and the city this morning is quiet. Last night some arrests were made of disorderly persons, but with these exceptions, no disturbance occurred.

GERMANY.

BERLIN, Nov. 24.—The Emperor gave an audience yesterday to Schoenfurth, Bastian, and other members of the Diet.

The Geographical Societies of Germany give their approval to a plan for the methodical exploration of Africa. Committees to carry out the purpose are forming.

ST. LOUIS.

The Scheme of the Future Capital for Direct Trade With Europe—Great Mortality from Small-Pox.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 24.—A society called the Mississippi Valley Society is now in process of organization in England, with headquarters in London, composed of wealthy and prominent Englishmen, and having for its object the promotion of direct trade between Europe and the Valley of the Mississippi. The London office will be the headquarters of Western and Southern people visiting Europe, as well as the rendezvous of English capitalists. Rooms will also be provided in London to exhibit samples of agricultural and mineral products of the Mississippi Valley, photographs of leading public and other buildings of its cities, etc. The Central American office will be located in St. Louis and branch offices will be established in all the principal cities of the West and South. The central office here will soon be opened, when co-operation with the London office, with a view to facilitating a more direct interchange of products between this country and Great Britain, will immediately commence.

Since May 11 to last evening there have been 927 deaths for small-pox in this city.

Death on the Rail.

BANGOR, Me., Nov. 24.—Angus Murray, engineer, and John Shafran, fireman, of a freight train on the European & North American Railroad, were instantly killed on Saturday by running into a gravel train, near St. John. The gravel train had been loading and was just backing down the track when a freight train dashed around the curve ahead of time, and plunged into the engine of the other train, throwing both engines from the track and nearly demolishing them. The men were horribly mangled. Only one other employe was injured, and he slightly.

Bogus Bonds Successfully Disposed of

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—A special from Newport, R. I., says: The following swindling operation came to light in this city to-night. About six months ago a man called upon Oliver Read, a wealthy banker of this city, and represented him to purchase $17,000 of Central Pacific Railroad 10 per cent income bonds. Read told him that he would not purchase, but that he would sell them for him for 1½ per cent. The man consented, and Read immediately forwarded them to Fisk & Hatch, New York, for them to sell for him. In due season Read received a telegram from Fisk & Hatch stating that they had succeeded in disposing of them, and that they had placed the proceeds to his credit at a bank in that city. Thereupon Read informed his man, who, by the way, had failed to state his name, that he had sold them, and paid the man $14,500, after deducting the commissions, and those of Fisk & Hatch. This morning he received word from Fisk & Hatch, stating that the bonds were counterfeit, and they sent $6,000 of the bonds sent to them, requesting him to make good their loss. At noon he also received another letter from them, with $10,000 more of the bogus bonds. This fraud was detected at the office of the railroad company, in New York, when the coupons were presented for payment. It is reported on good authority that the swindler was in New York yesterday, and doubtless will soon be in the hands of justice.

THE CITY IN BRIEF.

Everything.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Eugene Egan have gone to New Orleans on their bridal tour.

Mr. and Mrs. Taunton, London, England, are guests of the Tremont.

The Aldermen will tackle the Gas ordinance again at their meeting this evening.

Professor Youmans is sick, and his lecture for to-night is postponed until further notice.

Joseph W. Wheelock, the distinguished actor, is visiting his relatives and friends in this city.

Perkins Bass and family returned from their European tour yesterday, and are at the Gardner.

Elihu Burritt, New Britain, Conn., the great linguist, was at the Briggs yesterday, *en route* for Colorado.

The Blue Island avenue cars were put in motion again yesterday. When will the Madison street line commence operations?

The "Accommodation Line" is the name painted outside three dirty omnibuses which run on Madison street, and charge double fare from unprotected women.

Among the arrivals at the Anderson European Hotel yesterday were the following: S. G. Fuenth, New York; S. C. Forsyth, Boston; J. Jenkins, Milwaukee; G. H. Burrows, C. L. Hommedieu, New York; G. A. Gardner, Detroit.

The Gardner House register yesterday contained the following names: R. F. Grafton, Texas; G. F. Daman, Geo. Maynard, New York; H. C. Raymond, Iowa; S. H. Hopkins, Salt Lake; Bradford Allen, St. Louis.

The following were among the notable arrivals at the Sherman yesterday: Robert Easton, Philadelphia; S. D. Weekly, Alabama; M. Sheckell, Montreal; Dr. J. J. Hayes, New York; C. W. Brust, and G. O. Colter, San Francisco.

The following were among the notable arrivals at the Briggs yesterday: D. P. Churchill, New York; D. E. Park, Jr., Pittsburgh; A. L. Ellis, Hartford; H. T. Haynes, Louisville; David Wentworth, Gardner, Maine; J. D. Ross, Mason City.

The order of exercises for the public meeting of the Hyde Park Literary Society, this evening, is as follows: Musical Director, Edward Siebert. Oration by Barton A. Ulrich. Debate, "*Resolved*, that the United States Government should establish a national system of cheap telegraphy." Affirmative—H. Y. Freeman, E. L. Brainerd. Negative—Joseph C. Young, D. H. Horne. Ladies' Department, Miss Lily Gray.

E. H. Buckler, T. H. B. Davis, H. W. Thompson, Charlestown, N. H.; Colonel E. N. Beach, St. Paul; E. Gammon, Providence; W. F. Arnold, Terre Haute; M. Phillips and wife, M. Cooner, San Francisco; M. Holley, Denver, were among the arrivals at the Tremont yesterday.

Postmaster Eastman has promulgated the following order, which will go into effect to-day: "On and after this date, collections from the street boxes, and the closing of the mails, the time of which was temporarily changed on account of the horse epidemic, will be made at the usual hours."

The adjourned meeting relating to dinners to be given in aid of the Foundling's Home, will be held to-day, in the parlors of the First Congregational Church, corner of Ann and Washington streets, at 2 o'clock p. m. A prompt and full attendance of all interested in this noble charity, whether they have attended the meetings heretofore or not, is requested, as final arrangements will be made at this meeting.

The second lecture of the Oakland Star Course will be delivered by President Richard Edwards, LL. D., of the State Normal School, to-morrow evening, at the Ninth Presbyterian Church. Subject: "The Golden Age is Now." Dr. Edwards is a man of acknowledged eloquence and power, and a writer of much elegance and finish. Being President of the State University, his duties are such that he is not often permitted to enter the lecturing field; but when he does, his audiences are delighted. It has been said of him that, were he a member of Congress, he would rank among the first orators in the land.

Box 62 was turned in about half-past 5 o'clock yesterday morning for a fire in the frame barn at the rear of No. 301 Twenty-third street, which was damaged $300. The frame house in front was injured to the extent of about $150. Both buildings are owned and occupied by Lambert Heman. The residence is insured in the Agricultural Company. The fire spread to the barns at the rear of Nos. 297 and 299 Twenty-third street, owned respectively by Lambert Thilson and John Wilcox. The former loses $200, and the latter $50. Neither is insured. The origin of the fire could not be ascertained.

Major Heintzeman, of the Central Station, yesterday arrested a barber named Daniel E. Crowley, who is wanted by the Syracuse, N. Y., authorities for a forgery committed in that city some months ago. A Deputy Sheriff came on here in search of him, and, aided by the gallant Major, succeeded in finding him busily plying the razor in a barber shop at the corner of Wabash avenue and Harrison street. He was taken to the Central Station, and will be transferred to Syracuse to-day. It is said that he came into possession of several hundred dollars which did not belong to him, owing to his apt penmanship. He is a married man, his wife being a very respectable and honest appearing young woman. The interview between them in the cell yesterday afternoon was extremely affecting.

California Items.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 24.—A young man, name not known, entered the house of one of the most respectable families of Vallejo, and, in the absence of the older members, violated the person of a girl 5 years old. He was arrested. Intense excitement exists, and there are fears that he will be taken out of jail and lynched.

There was a suicide or an attempt at suicide in this city every day last week.

Shooting Affray in Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 24.—James Sullivan, formerly engineer on the Indianapolis, Cincinnati & Lafayette railroad, in a row on Sixth street, this afternoon, shot Dennis Buckley in the abdomen, not dangerously, and Mike Hannon through the body, the ball entering under the left nipple. Sullivan claims to have been acting in self-defence. He has been arrested.

Female Suffrage.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Nov. 24.—A very formidable Woman's Suffrage movement has been inaugurated in this city. The *Express* publishes a call for a meeting to form a local Woman's Suffrage Association, which is numerously signed by leading and influential citizens of all parties, including all the editors of the three daily newspapers.

Another Victim.

BOSTON, Nov. 24.—This afternoon another body was taken from the ruins of the fire, but it has not been identified. A party of firemen from Cambridge have been searching throughout the day for the body of one of their own number, who is missing. A military guard is still kept at the ruins.

Obituary.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 24.—Wm. J. Wiggins, a popular comedian at DeBar's Opera House, died yesterday of small-pox. He formerly came from Indiana.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Nov. 24.—Edward Harris, a prominent manufacturer and business man of Woonsocket, died this afternoon.

Vessels Passed Detroit.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

DETROIT, Mich., Nov. 23.—PASSED DOWN—Props Wilson and raft Holland; barge Scotia; schrs Correspondent, H. Hartshalle, Brooklyn, Reindeer, Wagstaff, Clyde, Van Valkenburg, Ann Childs, Kate Whinlow, Conrad, Reid.

PASSED UP—Prop Ross; barges Edith and Tempest; brigs H. H. Standard, Chas. Stewart, Evaline W. Filmore, D. S. Austin, Riverside.

WIND—South.

Dangerously Ill.

CLEVELAND, Nov. 24.—E. Cowles, editor of the *Leader*, is lying dangerously ill at his residence in this city.

ASTONISHING, IF TRUE.

Alleged Miraculous Escape from the Jaws of Death.

A Man Said to Have been Found Hanging from the Adams Street Viaduct.

A Times Reporter Claims to Have Discovered Him There, and Rescued Him.

As Mr. Frank Nevins, of the *Times*, was passing over Adams street bridge at a late hour on Saturday evening, bearing proof-slips of a speech, which was kindly furnished his paper by THE TRIBUNE, a chilling and blood-curdling cry for help smote his acute ear. He hastily descended to the dock, from whence the sound apparently proceeded, and was busily engaged in searching for the author thereof, when a second shriek startled him. This time the cry came from above. Looking upward, Mr. Nevins beheld the body of a man dangling from the edge of the pathway over the viaduct. The only thing that saved him from being dashed to atoms on the railway tracks beneath was his fast relaxing hold on the sharp end of the foot-path. Another horrible yell admonished the journalist that, if he wished to save the life of a fellow-being, there was no time to lose. He hastened up to the viaduct again, and rushed madly to the circumscribed home of the bridge-tender, close by. Seizing that functionary by the collar, he dragged him to the spot where the imperilled person hung. Between the two, the unfortunate man was rescued. He was so scared by his near approach to a horrible death that he was scarcely able to relate to Mr. Nevins how he came to be placed in such an awkward position. It appears that while passing over the viaduct some minutes in advance of his preserver, he was set upon by two highway robbers, one of whom stunned him with a blow of a blunt weapon. While prostrate on the sidewalk, they went through his pockets, and being unable to find a cent, they determined to take revenge upon him for having put them to so much needless and unprofitable trouble. To this end they threw him over the railing, and then hurriedly made their escape, fully believing, no doubt, that their victim had ceased to trouble himself about earthly matters. As the man was descending to inevitable death, he grasped the edge of the sidewalk, and there hung. Then arose the cry which first aroused the newspaper man. After relating his story, and tendering profuse thanks to his deliverers, the rescued took his departure. The fact that this interesting item did not appear in yesterday's *Times* can only be accounted for in one way. Mr. Nevins' thrilling narrative of the affair was evidently disbelieved by his superiors, who are not in the habit of employing men of such bravery and humanity. THE TRIBUNE hastens to do Mr. Nevins justice, and to record the fact that, amid all the excitement of the terrible scene in which he took such an active part, he gallantly clung to the proof-slips.

N. B.—Upon further consideration, THE TRIBUNE inclines to the belief that Mr. Nevins did not speak of his adventure when he reached the office. He was doubtless afraid (and justly so, too, poor man) that he would be ordered to write four or five columns about it, in order to get up a "scoop," and look enterprising. It was an elegant opportunity to show that, when *Times* reporters are not employed in "detecting" and retracting libels on respectable ladies, they are employed in the laudable work of relieving distressed humanity.

P. S.—There is a possibility that there is not the slightest shadow of truth in the *Times* reporter's story.

LATEST—THE TRIBUNE, upon further consideration, inclines to the belief that there is'nt.

THE SPORTING WORLD.

THE TURF.

Yesterday (Sunday) morning, two gentlemen resolved upon a novel race. North LaSalle street was selected as the course, and the "stock" entered consisted of two Texan oxen. They were attached to superior trotting wagons, and were decorated with ribbons of every color. "Time" being called, the oxen were brought to the score, which latter was a wagon backed up against the curb. There was no special impatience manifested by either steer, which was accounted for by the supposition that both felt confident of victory. The judge took the stand, (which consisted of the bed of the wagon to which the "starting pole" was attached); the jockeys took their seats, and, finally, everything being in readiness, the word "Go" was pronounced. Such a start has not been witnessed since the old cow (who may have been the mother of these oxen) died. One of the steers shot off with the speed of a rocket, its ribbons flying in the air, and tossing his head in proud triumph at the victory which seemed to await him. On he madly rushed, passing the limits of the course, where jockey stopped. The wagon flew into a hundred splinters, yet on rushed the steer. His tail alone that has since been discovered of him. But what of the other steer? Sensible animal that he was; "Go" did not infuse into him such madness as to attempt to run a race, neither could the whip start him. He stood at the starting-post till he was led away, and thus ended one of the novel races on record.

A BOLD CHALLENGE.

From the Turf, Field, and Farm.

There is nothing that tends so much to promote success in the breeding and training of thoroughbred stock as the spirit of emulation; and, as a general thing, there are no men so susceptible to its influences as gentlemen identified with turf sports, whether as owners of stock or otherwise. It was this feeling that has led to all the great turf events, which, at the time of their occurrence, created a new epoch in our turf history. It was to this spirit of emulation that we owe the great match between Eclipse and Henry, in 1823, when Eclipse, the Northern champion, defeated his Southern antagonist in a hard-contested race of four-mile heats; and the Boston and Fashion match, in 1842, when Fashion defeated the hitherto invincible "Old Whitenose," the hero of forty races, thirty of them at four-mile heats, and earned for herself the proud title of Queen of the Turf; and the great races between Wagner and Grey Eagle, in 1839, when the former defeated the Kentucky Favorite, Grey Eagle, in two hard-fought battles of four-mile heats each, Grey Eagle breaking down in the second contest; and the match between Poytona and Fashion, when the former wrenched from Fashion her laurels as Queen of the Turf; and the proposed meeting of Kentucky and Asteroid, in the Inauguration Stakes at Jerome Park, to settle the merits of the rival sons of Lexington, the latter breaking down on the eve of the race; and later still, the meeting of Longfellow and Harry Bassett in the Monmouth Cup last summer, when the son of Leamington beat his hitherto invincible rival, and Harry Basset turn-the tables on him two weeks after in the Saratoga Cup, when Longfellow broke down. It is such occasions as these, amid the splendors of a summer's sun, with all the principal patrons of the turf present, assisted by woman's smile, that lend enchantment and excitement to turf sports and make a victory doubly valuable.

Keeping in view the value that such great races have been to the American turf, annexed will be found one of the boldest challenges ever issued by any turfman in America. We are authorized to lay it before our readers, and expect that the challenge will be accepted by one or more of our turfmen:

Editors Turf, Field and Farm:

I authorize you to state that I will match my stable, three races, against any horse or horses in the world, to name at the post, two, three, and four-mile heats, for $10,000 or $20,000 each race. The races to be run over the Saratoga Course, New York, any time between the last of July and the 1st of September, 1873.

D. MCDANIEL, Princeton, N. J.

BASE BALL.

The Directors of the Chicago Base Ball Association are still undecided about organizing a nine for the season of 1873. The financial difficulties experienced by Eastern professional associations the past season has deterred them from taking any hasty action. If a nine is hired, it will be at greatly reduced salaries. It has been discovered that the best paid professionals are not the most successful players, and that expensive nines are not to be the rule the coming ball season. It is doubtful if any association will pay any player more than $1,000 for five months' easy work in future.

An Eastern paper says, regarding next year's ball season in Philadelphia: "The Athletics, it would appear, are not to have everything their own way in Philadelphia hereafter, for a new club is being organized there, which, if report be true, will include several late members of the Athletic. The names mentioned as the nine are as follows: Zettlein, of the Eckford, pitcher; Malone, Athletic, catcher; first base, Mack, of the Athletic; second base, Wood, of the Eckford; third base, Anson, of the Athletic; short stop, Wadsworth, of the Resolute, of Elizabeth, N. J.; left field, Cuthbert, of the Athletic; centre field, Treacy, of the Athletic; right field, Bechtel, of the Mutual. The American Club, of Philadelphia, will be behind the new organization, it is said."

It is said the present Mutual (New York) managers have secured a very strong team for the campaign of 1873, including Hicks, Mathews, Start, Hatfield, Ferguson, Radcliff, Gedney, Eggler, and Fisher.

Al. Spalding, the famous pitcher of the Bostons, is in this city.

THE LAW COURTS.

NOTES OF INTEREST.

In the case of Haugh et al. v. Woodruff, et al. now on hearing before the United States Circuit Court, evidence has been completed and argument begun. The facts are as follows: One John Allen, of Rockford, contracted with the Board of Supervisors of Winnebago County to build a county jail at Rockford. He sub-let the contract for the iron work to Haugh & Co., of Indianapolis, for $9,160. The plans and specifications were made by Cass Chapman, architect of Chicago. About three-fourths of the iron work was on the ground in February last. In May the parties went there to put it up. After a large portion had been put up they were prohibited from completing the work on the alleged ground that it was not done in accordance with the contract. They now want payment, which is resisted by the Board of Supervisors, and hence the suit. A large amount of testimony is brought forward by both sides on the question whether the work was or was not substantially according to contract, plans and specifications.

Mathias Hetz, on Saturday, filed a bill against the city and others to enjoin the issue of a tax-deed to C. Walsh, P. B. Shiel, and W. Edgar, for the purchase of Lot 132, in Butterfield's Addition, sold in consequence of the non-payment of the general tax of 1870, $75; and special assessment for curbing, filling, and paving Larrabee street, from Clybourne to North avenue, $818.23; for lamp posts on Clybourne avenue, from Larrabee street to North avenue, $8.65; and for water-sewer pipes on Larrabee street, $48.60. The petitioner avers that he is advised by counsel, and verily believes, that the judgment rendered by the Superior Court, on the authority of which the said sale was made, was illegal, and is null and void, the Court having no jurisdiction.

The Grand Jurors in the United States Courts, worn out by their labors during the past week, adjourned on Saturday over till Monday, much to the disgust of THE TRIBUNE law reporter, without returning a single indictment. It was intended that they should have returned several, but physical frailties and an excusable longing for a Sunday at home among the rurals, ruled otherwise.

The Judges met on Saturday for the purpose of deciding on the number of officers to be employed in the courts and offices under their jurisdiction. In the Circuit Court there are to be 10 employes and 52 in the Recorder's Office.

John H. Mayo has commenced action against the Northwestern Railway Company, damages $10,000, for injuries received by being run against by one of the Company's engines on Hoyne street, in June last. Plaintiff affirms that the engine was running at a speed of upwards of 30 miles an hour.

In the Mutual Security Insurance matter, the creditors met on Saturday, as fully reported in yesterday's TRIBUNE, and resolved on a dividend of 7 per cent.

In the celebrated piano case, Barrell v. Nixon, Judge Blodgett, on Saturday, expressed an opinion of the merits which induced the plaintiff to dismiss his suit.

Mr. Tompkins, Grain Inspector of the city, yesterday commenced suit against John B. Lyon, in assumpsit for $4,000, and against E. K. Bruce and Son, in assumpsit for $1,500.

Austin Doyle, the esteemed Deputy of the Criminal Court, was yesterday so ill that he was obliged to take to his bed. He has been suffering from influenza for a long time past.

Lawyers exasperatingly dull on Saturday, and the news-gatherer brought home a note-book of almost virgin paper.

A Receiver has been appointed to the Lamar Insurance Company. (See Gary, J., Superior Court, Chancery).

Some interesting items will be found in the recorder under the heads bankruptcy and new suits.

Judge Tree did not attend Court on Saturday.

THE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT.

[Judge Blodgett.]

LAW.—678—Barrett, assignee, v. Nixon et al.; the Court having considered, and intimated an opinion, plaintiff dismisses his suit. 678—Haugh et al. v. Woodruff et al.; jury come again; evidence concluded and arguments commenced. 645—Kimball, a signee, v. Forney et al.; plaintiff by attorney comes and enters satisfaction of the judgment herein. 792—Roloson v. Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company; twenty days and defendant to plead.

NEW SUITS.

Lucy B. Roloson v. Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company; transcript from Superior Court.

THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT.

[Judge Blodgett.]

The United States v. Leo Canman; the defendant by his attorney, Mr. Vanarsdale, moves to quash the indictment which is overruled by the Court, and he has been duly arraigned upon the indictment herein for plea thereto says he is not guilty. 713—Demurrer to special plea sustained. 605—Dismissed; costs paid; bankruptcy. 1,904—Mark Campbell; to be dismissed unless objections are filed within 10 days. 2,131—J. H. Johnson; same order. 2,139—N. W. Taylor, et al.; motion to dissolve injunction postponed for one week. 2,168—Union Lithographing and Printing Company; order to assignee and the property of the bankrupt for any offer he can get within five days, but no property to pass till sale approved by Court. 2,183—H. E. Hubbard; issued warrant for arrest of debtor, on affidavit of L. S. Hodges; bail, $5,000; as to the sale of newly-bought and unpaid-for goods at less than cost price, to pay other creditors.

NEW SUITS.

John M. Halliday, Peter Cagnieca, O. B. Van Patten and Adam Halliday v. Propeller Philadelphia; collision; $1,000; Horace Bennett.

THE SUPERIOR COURT.

[Judge Gary.]

LAW.—229—Fleischer v. Schoenfeld; finding for plaintiff, damages $966.92 and judgment; appeal, bond $1,600 and bill of exception in 20 days. 2,274—Lucas v. Smith; by stipulation deposition withdrawn to have exceptions attached. 2,855—Simpson v. Albany City Insurance Company; default, and judgment, $2,466.92. 2,739—Field v. Enterprise Insurance Company; judgment, $16,758. 2,837—Same v. Hope Insurance Company; judgment, $15,750. 3,628—Manff v. Van Vechten; demurrer to second plea sustained, and leave to amend in two days. 3,154—Haywood v. Knudson; judgment, $614.44. 3,603 a—Johnson et al. v. Swiney et al.; motion for new trial denied, and judgment. 3,001—Boynton v. Fuller; dismissed by plaintiff's attorney.

CHANCERY.—500 a—French v. French, by agreement leave to file bill in lieu etc., in 10 days, and leave to defendant to file answer in 30 days after filing of bill. 508—Sturges v. Elliott; by agreement set for Jan. 3, 1873. 837—Hubbard v. Lauer; personal service on Jacob and Mary Teramour and default; service by publication and default of the others; Filbert N. Gray appointed guardian *ad litem* for Jacob and Catherine Lauer; answer filed, and reference to Scott. 943—Millard v. Munson; reference to Scott. 639—Fanny v. John Mann; increase of alimony denied. 1,016—Bussman v. Lamar Insurance Company; on motion of complainant answer of Lamar Insurance Company, Swett & Higgins stricken out, and bill taken and confessed against the Company; George Chandler appointed Receiver of the Company; bond, $10,000; on motion of complainant leave to file supplemental bill making additional complaints. 869—Mathieu v. Mathieu; solicitors' fees and alimony denied. Olson v. Olson; leave to sue *in pauperis*.

NEW SUITS.

41,443—Kate v. Jacob Olson; divorce. 41,444—Anastasia Kenney et al. v. Bridget Kenney, widow of David Kenney, et al.; bill to establish title. 41,445—McGraw v. Whitehouse; appeal. 41,446—George H. Cole v. McAllister Ellis & Bro.; confession of judgment on a note of $272.54. 41,447—Matthias Hetz v. City of Chicago, Joseph Pollack, County Clerk, and John Forsythe; bill to enjoin the issue of tax deeds on Lot 132, Butterfield's Addition. 41,448—Honora v. John Wakely, divorce; adultery alleged. 41,449—John Clark Hilton v. Great Western Telegraph Company; confession of judgment on a note of $6,608.16.

THE CIRCUIT COURT.

[Judge Rogers.]

LAW.—951—Johnson v. White et al.; time to file replication extended twenty days.

[Judge Booth.]

LAW.—2,052—Toolson v. Bay; judgment respondent *ouster*, and 5 days to plead, by agreement. 1,947—Johnson v. Davidson; appeal dismissed with procedendo for non-compliance with rule. 941—Schmidt v. Zimmerman; jury find defendant not guilty. 1,554—Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Company v. Peterson et al.; $900 paid to attorney for Carpenter and brother in open Court in full compensation for seven of jury to and respondents. 698—Babcroft v. Britton; dismissed by plaintiff's attorney.

[Judge Williams.]

CHANCERY.—111—Gilchrist v. Chicago *Evening Mail* Company; dismissed by complainant's solicitor. 666—Kirk et al. v. Busby et al.; Commissioners' report filed and confirmed; consent of widow to sale of premises filed, and order of sale.

NEW SUITS.

4,947—George W. A. Biddle and Robert Boyd v. Frederick Lubken; attachment for a debt of $655; Eldridge & Tourtelotte, attorneys. 4,948—Albert H. Montague v. Richard Edwards and William S. Rogers; damages, $10,000; Sidney Thomas, attorney. 4,949—John H. Mayo v. Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company; case, $10,000; Thomas J. Turner & Son, attorneys. 4,950—Wm. F. Tompkins Chief Inspector of Grain for the City of Chicago v. John D. Lyon; assumpsit $4,000; F. S. Smith and S. K. Dow attorneys. 4,951—Same v. E. K. Bruce and Robert Bruce, under the firm name of E. K. Bruce & Son; assumpsit $1,500; same attorneys. 4,952—Henry Jones v. Hyland Woodruff & Son; petition for mechanic's lien; William C. Russel attorney. 4,953—Rudolph Foreman and Robert Boyd v. Frederick Guthrie; attachment for a debt of $800; Eldridge & Tourtelotte attorneys.

THE CRIMINAL COURT.

[Judge Porter.]

113—Isert; jury trial; verdict not guilty and defendant discharged. 105—Connelly; jury trial; verdict guilty. 106.—Gillon; jury trial; verdict guilty; term fixed at 3 years in the Penitentiary; jury polled and motion for new trial.

FROM POVERTY TO AFFLUENCE.

A Poor Norwegian Laborer Falls Heir to a Fortune of $40,000—An Attempt Made to Rob Him of a Portion of His Wealth.

An impecunious Norwegian laborer, named John Nilsson, who, for several years past has been employed trucking freight in the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati & St. Louis depot, at the meagre salary of $1.50, came into possession of the snug fortune of $40,000 a few days since. The money was bequeathed to him by a considerate relative of his wife's, who died in California recently. When John became fully satisfied that the rich prize was securely in his grasp, he resigned his lucrative railroad position, collected the amount that was due him by the company, and sallied forth in search of a spot where he could spend the remainder of his days in that peace and comfort which had hitherto been denied him. A neat little cottage on the North Side took his fancy. He purchased it. The following evening, he encountered one of those misfortunes which wealth sometimes entails upon its possessor. His family had not yet moved into the cottage, and John visited it to make a few needful preparations for their reception, and to mark the effect of twilight on his future home. It appears that the news of his extraordinary good-fortune came to the ears of certain of his acquaintances, and two of them determined to get a portion of his wealth by fair means or foul. They foolishly imagined that he carried the $40,000 about with him wherever he went. Upon being informed of his intention to visit the cottage on the evening referred to, they hastened thither ahead of him. One managed to get inside, and the other secreted himself without. Thus ambushed, they awaited John's approach. He walked up to the house very unconcernedly, and without the slightest suspicion of danger, unlocked the door, and was about to enter, when a stinging blow in the face reminded him that there was a foe somewhere in his immediate vicinity. Before he had had time to recover fully from the effects of the violent salutation, he encountered a second and much more severe blow under the right ear, which laid him out completely. Upon recovering consciousness he found that all the money he had in his pocket, amounting to between fifteen and twenty dollars, had been taken. Thanking his stars that the matter was no worse, he picked himself up, fastened the door again, and went home. He has not the slightest idea who the robbers were, and does not feel inclined to make the discovery. Sudden wealth is apt to cause men to forget unpleasant little trifles. John is safely ensconced in his pleasant cottage, and is as happy as a man can be who can count more thousands to-day than units a week since.

MORMONISM.

Address by the Rev. C. P. Syford, in Centenary Church—A Mormon Patriarchal Blessing.

The Rev. C. P. Syford, an evangelical missionary, preached in the Centenary Church, yesterday morning, on the subject of Mormonism, before a very large congregation. He exposed many Mormon practices, and severely denounced their religious system. As a specimen of the credulity of Mormon believers, and the ignorance of their so-called teachers, he exhibited the following blessing,—one of a number regularly issued to the faithful:

PROVO CITY, April 19, 1869.—A Patriarchal blessing given by C. W. H——, Patriarch, upon the head of Mary, daughter of J. and D. M——, born Feb. 13, 1808, at Lancaster, England, in the Parish of Ashton. Mary, I place my hand upon your head to seal upon you a father's blessing, which will be sealed in heaven for your good, for there was joy in heaven when you embraced the new and everlasting Covenant; for the Father has led you through many dangerous scenes upon the earth to Zion, that you might receive the revelations of God to comfort you, and our Father will reveal unto you many things while you sojourn in this life, and no good thing shall be held from you. Thou art the daughter of Joseph, and had a right to the fulness of the Priesthood with thy companion, in the kingdom upon the earth. For ever and ever thou shalt live, till thou art satisfied and partake of all the glories of Zion, and your name shall be handed down to the latest generations. And your last days shall be your best days, and you shall be blest with everything; you will put your hand, too, in righteousness, and shall converse with Joseph and Hyriam, and many of the Holy Prophets, since the world began; for thou had witnessed many things of the Father which he will give you in His own due time, and in the hour you think not, your joy will be great, and I seal upon you every desire of your heart, with the blessing of eternal lives with all your Father's household for ever and ever. Amen.

NOT YET EXTINGUISHED.

The Big Coal Heap at the North Side Gas Works Still Burning—One Thousand Tons Reduced to Coke.

The Chicago Gas Light and Coke Company received during the summer 10,000 tons of Pittsburgh coal, which was stored in an immense shed at the works, near Division Street Bridge. On Friday morning flame issued from the heap, and it was soon apparent that the lower stratum was on fire, caused, it is supposed, by the great pressure producing spontaneous combustion. Fire engines were summoned and have been playing on it since with but little effect, as it burned yesterday as fiercely as ever. The only way to extinguish the smouldering mass is to remove all that can be removed from around the fire, which will then exhaust itself. Over one hundred men, twenty-five wagons, and a number of wheel-barrows are busy day and night, and relays will be kept at work so as to save as much as possible. The Mayor visited the scene yesterday, and gave the use of a portion of a street in which to dump the coal. One thousand tons have been reduced to coke, and the entire loss to the company, so far, is estimated at $20,000. Pure coal is safe when stored in bulk, no matter how high it is piled, but this was impregnated with more than its fair share of sulphur, which ignited. At one time the works were threatened, but that danger is believed to be past. As the destruction of the apparatus would leave the North and South Divisions in darkness for an unknown period, the disaster would affect everybody, and be very inconvenient during the long winter nights.

A Night of Peril—A Stage Load of Passengers Narrowly Escape Freezing.

From the Yankton (Dakota) Press, Nov. 20.

A party, consisting of Major Oscar Whitney, United States Agent in charge of the Indian supply depot at Fort Randall, and a Sergeant from the same point, Major Smith, Paymaster of this department, Captain Boyd, of the Seventeenth Infantry, from Cheyenne Agency, Captain Dickey and Lieutenant Macklin, of the Twenty-second Infantry, from Fort Sully, arrived here last Thursday evening, the 14th, having narrowly escaped the most serious consequences.

The journey as far as Springfield was comparatively a pleasant one, which point they left at 11 o'clock p. m., Wednesday night. After travelling two or three miles, their first trouble began by the coach being precipitated in a deep snow-drift. It was bitter cold,—a violent snow and wind storm was raging, which added to the darkness of the night, and made their position dreary and dangerous in the extreme. After several ineffectual attempts, it was soon found that the horses were unable to drag the heavy load out of the drift, and the passengers were compelled to alight in the blinding storm and darkness, and aid in clearing away the drift for the horses to pass. The work was a slow and tedious one, and the driving snow soon penetrated the heavy coats and under-garments of the passengers, almost drenching them, and at the same time chilling them to the very bones, and to add to the danger of their situation, it was discovered that they were off the road, and the driver knew not in which direction it lay. It was then decided to send the driver with the horses to find, if possible, the road, and the passengers were to remain in the coach and await his return. Shortly after agreeing upon this plan, the road was found, and the party started for Bon Homme, which point they reached Thursday morning at 5 o'clock, where they were kindly welcomed and hospitably entertained.

Concerning the Indians belonging to Spotted Tail's band, there is no special news. Major Whitney believes there is sufficient food supplies at the White Clay Agency to last the Indians till June next. A great deal of difficulty has been experienced in procuring transportation, and there are some goods, including blankets, that will be